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CHAPTER XXV.

PERSUASION.

Glory-Ann was the possessor of "a lo six bits," as she termed the small floating capital of seventy-five cents that did not form part of the hoard she cherished in the toe of a stocking; and with this sum she hired a mule, which she equipped with the side saddle borrowed from "Miss Myrtilla," and in the afternoon she set out alone for Thorne Hill. Being minded, however, to pay a visit to an old acquaintance on the way, she did not reach her destination until the next morning. She held a private interview with Missy, as soon as the colonel rode out to inspect his fields; and when he returned, the old woman was jogging on her way back to town. She had done her part; it remained for Missy to manage the colonel, if that were possible.

"You are very cruel," she said, hoarsely.

Winifred was in the parlor, alone, when her father came in, and it needed but a glance to show him that something had happened to move her deeply. Her face was very pale, but in her eyes was a wistful look that made him uneasy.

"What is the matter, Winifred?" he asked.

"Mom Bee has been here," she said, after a moment's pause, and almost in a whisper. This did not seem to her at all what she had meant to say; but she uttered the first words that came.

"Well," said the colonel, with a smile, "have your own way about Mom Bee, Winifred; make what bargain you like to induce her to stay. Provided you are pleased I shall be satisfied."

Winifred uttered a faint ejaculation and clasped her hands. "She has been to see us about Brer Nicholas."

The colonel started, his color came and went in violent alternations, and he sank helplessly into the nearest chair. "What does this mean?" she asked.

"Capt. Fletcher"——

"And does he make a go-between of one of my old slaves?" thundered the colonel, springing to his feet. "A meddlesome puppy!"

"No, father; it was Mom Bee who went to him of her own accord, for my sake."

The colonel sat down again, and Winifred went on to tell the captain's story. Her father heard her without interruption; what he felt she could not divine, for, the first shock over, his countenance gave no indication of his thoughts.

"It must be true!" she exclaimed, passionately, when she had ended. "What will you do about it?"

Col. Thorne did not immediately reply. He could be as impulsive as Winifred herself, but he could not be confiding. "We have no assurance that Nicholas still lives," he said, at last.

Winifred clasped her hands. "Let us hope," she whispered.

"I am very tired, just now," the colonel added. "I will lie down until dinner is ready."

"He does not care!" thought Missy, bitterly. How was she to know that he sought the privacy of his own room to hide the storm of mingled emotions that shook his very life? He would fain have Nicholas at home again, but he could not bring himself to say so.

When he reappeared at dinner he was calm, and immediately afterward he ordered his horse and rode away. Missy supposed that he was going to see her Aunt Pauline and Flora.

It was long past 10 o'clock that night when the colonel returned, and it gave him a thrill of unaccustomed joy to find his daughter sitting up alone, to keep his supper warm. At most did he hope that she would scold him; but Winifred was not actuated by anxiety on her father's account, she had the utmost confidence in his ability to take care of himself; her object in sitting up for him was to win his favor for her brother. What unspeakable comfort it would have given her could she but have known that he had ridden to Tallahassee expressly to see Capt. Fletcher; but her father did not tell her; he only bade her go to bed. He had had his ride in vain, for Capt. Fletcher was away, on a long delayed visit to St. Mark's, and Col. Thorne preferred to wait for an answer to the note he had left for the captain before saying anything to Winifred.

The news brought by Glory-Ann made Miss Elvira very uncomfortable. She was a creature of habit, and she had formed the habit, in the past eight years, of living without her nephew. She had practically forgotten him. Every hope that centered in him had died the day she heard of his marriage with Dosia Furnival, and she could not see now that his return, granting that he lived, was to be desired. Indeed, Miss Elvira preferred to believe him dead, since never, never again could he be the Nicholas of old. She had long persuaded herself that the colonel would do his whole duty if he made some provision for Nicholas in his will; the prospect of having Dosia and her children at Thorne Hill was regarded by Miss Elvira pretty much as she might have regarded an invasion of the Barbarians.

"You don't reflect how times are changed, Winifred," she fretted. "And there's no denying that Dosia cannot be congenial; she isn't one of us."

"Let us find them first," said Winifred, reddening; "all other questions can be settled afterward."

"How are you going to find them?" Miss Elvira asked, with provoking meekness. "Nicholas is either dead or he has forgotten us. For my part, I'd rather believe him dead. He must be so changed!"

Winifred shuddered. "You are very cruel," she said, hoarsely. "If my father would but have Capt. Fletcher here once, just once, we might find some clew."

"Winifred Thorne! Do you not know that if your father were to bring that man here your Aunt Pauline and your Cousin Flora never would cross this threshold again? It is you who are cruel! Think of Aleck, killed at Chickamauga!"

The tears sprang to Winifred's eyes. "It is life that is cruel," she said, sadly. "But you need not be uneasy. It is three days since Mom Bee came to us with the news about Brer Nicholas, and I asked my father yesterday if he did not intend to see Capt. Fletcher, but he said I was never to ask him that again. And I am but a girl. What can I do but assault heaven with my prayers?"

Col. Thorne had not seen fit to acquaint his daughter with the fact that Capt. Fletcher had written to decline the invitation to visit Thorne Hill, conveyed in that note the colonel had left with Mrs. Scott a few days before.

A week later Glory-Ann took up her permanent abode at Thorne Hill. She announced her willingness to accept the house the colonel had offered her, and she was not backward in demanding the cow and the pigs, nor did she hesitate to hint that a few chickens, by the way of a start, would be acceptable.

It would be hard to say just what it was that induced Mom Bee to return. She had been heard to tell Chaney, who was, temporarily presiding over the Thorne Hill kitchen, that "sence mawster could tek care of ole Dicey, he mought jes' ez well tek care o' Glory-Ann;" and, also, she had been heard to declare that she "wouldn' give a handful o' cow pease fur dese young niggers o' freedom what had plum' los' track o' dey manners;" but if her solemn assertion was to be believed, her return was prompted solely by affection for "little Missy." She informed Mrs. Herry, when she carried back the side saddle, that she felt in duty bound to look after "dat chile." The colonel, she explained, being only a man, couldn't be expected to know how to look after a girl, "en' ez fur Missle-virey—well, Miss Myrtilla, you know Missle-virey ain't got no succullation"—whatever Glory-Ann might mean by that.

Thus settled again at Thorne Hill, this faithful nurse kept a sharp eye upon "little Missy," admonishing that young lady as she saw fit, and criticising her visitors freely, for Missy was "sweet and twenty" now, and had admirers not a few. But the right man was slow to put in an appearance, or Glory-Ann was hard to please. This one was stingy, that one was wasteful, another had no manners—Glory-Ann was exacting as to "manners"—and yet another had no money, an insuperable objection, in Glory-Ann's opinion.

"I shall never marry," Winifred would say, gravely. "I am not like other girls."

"No, dat you ain't, my honey."

"I shall spend my life for my Brer Nicholas."

"Don't you go promus dat too fas' now chile, yo' time ain' come," said Mom Bee, with an air of prophecy that gave Missy a vague uneasiness, remembering how many of Mom Bee's sayings had come to pass.

But something happened soon that Mom Bee had never prophesied.

CHAPTER XXVI.

AN UNEXPECTED GUEST.

"All right, sir," said the colonel. "What is your name?"

As Col. Thorne was riding homeward, one day, at noon, he was startled by the sight of a powerful black horse, saddled and bridled, but riderless, galloping furiously in the direction of Tallahassee; a little farther on, as he turned the corner of the brier patch where old Gilbert used to gather sassafras roots, his own horse shied violently, and the colonel was hardly surprised to find a man lying on the edge of the road, motionless, with his head against the obtruded roots of an overhanging oak. His face was hidden by his position, but his hat had fallen off, revealing a well shaped head, and fair, closely cut hair.

The colonel dismounted, and lifting the unconscious head, discovered the face of a stranger, a well dressed, well made man, of two or three and thirty, perhaps, and unmistakably a gentleman. He revived, in a measure, as his head was moved to a more comfortable position, and muttered, indistinctly, "Lost my way."

"All right, sir," said the colonel. "What is your name?"

There was an effort to answer, but the voice died away in an inarticulated murmur.

Col. Thorne, having made a pillow of his overcoat for the stranger's head, remounted his horse and galloped back to the field, where some negroes were at work, to order the construction of a litter of pine boughs, upon which the injured man was borne to Thorne Hill.

A messenger was dispatched to town to summon a doctor, and to leave at the hotel a statement in writing that an unknown man had been found unconscious on the road near Thorne Hill, and carried to Col. Thorne's house.

Nothing was found on the stranger's person to give any clue to his identity, but had he come heralded by unimpeachable introductions he could not have been made more welcome. Miss Elvira bestirred herself with eager alacrity to have a room put in readiness; the colonel gave his personal attention to his unconscious guest, using such skill as he possessed for his recovery; while Missy, watching at one of the front windows for the doctor, who she thought would never come, sighed to think that there was so little she could do.

As thus she sat alone in the fast gathering gloom of the wintry evening, her thoughts wandered away to her long absent brother, who himself had been a sufferer among strangers. Alas! where was he now? When should she see him again?

"Missy, is dat you?" It was Glory-Ann's voice that penetrated the shadows, and presently Glory-Ann's withered hand was laid on Missy's arm. "De doctor done come, honey," she said, in an awesome whisper.

"When?" exclaimed Winifred, starting up in alarm.

"Bless yo' soul, 'bout a half hour ago. He come de short cut, en' is gone stret upstairs, by de back do'. Tell you, Miss Winifred, honey, he tuk one look at dat man, en' he shuk his head, en' Missle-virey, when she hear dat, is plum gin up wid de headache. De grit o' de Thornes was lef' outen her makeup, you better bullieve; dat hukkom I ain' tellin' Missle-virey what I gwan tell you. Missy, chile, don't you know who dat upstairs?"

"No," said Winifred, seized with a violent trembling. "I did not see; I could not bear to look at him; how should I know?"

"Hit's de Fed'ral gemman," Mom Bee announced, in the voice of fate.

"Oh, Mom Bee!" broke from Winifred's white lips, a cry of mingled dismay, reproach and disappointment; for one wild moment the baseless hope that the stranger might prove to be Nicholas had completely mastered her; it left her faint and ill. She sank back in her chair, clasping her head in her hands.

"Dullaw, Missy," said Glory-Ann, impatiently; "thought you wuz gwan be dat glad ter git speech wid him 'long o' Mawse Nick? 'Pears lak you hates him mo' fur a Yankee den you kin thank him fur a frien'. I'se s'prised at you; I is dat."

"Don't let him die," said Winifred, rallying with a sudden sense of satisfaction that it had fallen to her father's lot to cancel the obligation to Capt. Fletcher on Nicholas' behalf.

"Don't you be no ways oneasy," said Glory-Ann. "Doctors got a way o' shakin' dey heads; hit meks 'em 'pear lak de know mo'n de do. He gwan git over it, honey; but it gwan be a tough pull, I'm skeered."

Dr. Lane now came in, rubbing his hands, and Glory-Ann precipitately retired, to give her attention to the supper table, seeing that Miss Elvira was incapacitated.

"Well," said the doctor, brusquely, "here's a queer state of things! Suppose you've no idea who your guest is? Nobody less than that Yankee, Fletcher, whom your father declined to receive. Odd, isn't it, that the colonel had never even seen him? Good joke, eh, Miss Winifred?"

But Winifred did not even smile. "Is he badly hurt?" she asked, gravely.

"Pretty serious case;" and Dr. Lane went into details that Winifred could not understand. "So, you see, you may have him on your hands for some time to come," he continued, in conclusion. "But we'll save him, if we can, eh, Miss Winifred, though he is a Yankee?"

Winifred made no reply; but the colonel, who had come in a moment before, said, a little stiffly:

"It is an unfortunate occurrence, much to be regretted. We must hope that the accident may have no untoward ending."

"Look out, Miss Winifred!" cried Dr. Lane, laughing.

Winifred was very angry. "There is no occasion to say that to me!" she retorted.

"Well, I hope you won't find him an insurmountably objectionable guest," said Dr. Lane, good humoredly. "He is a friend of your aunt's, I understand, colonel?"

"Yes," the colonel answered, still with stiffness; "but under the circumstances any man would be entitled to my hospitality, sir."

This was a sentiment in which Miss Elvira fully concurred, though she was dismayed beyond measure when she learned who was the guest an untoward accident had sent to Thorne Hill. "It is really a great embarrassment," she lamented to Winifred. "Of course, your Aunt Pauline and Flora can't come to see us now."

"It isn't a matter of choice to have Capt. Fletcher here," said Winifred, with an impatient sigh.

"That is true," Miss Elvira agreed, in a tone of relief. "We had, indeed, no choice; it was altogether providential."

This view of the situation she repeated to Mrs. Theodore Scott, who called the next day. It had been Mrs. Theodore Scott's deliberate choice to have Capt. Fletcher at her house, Miss Elvira reflected, with a comfortable sense of superiority.

Mrs. Theodore Scott, with heightened color, hastened to assure Miss Elvira that she likewise had had no choice; she had extended hospitality to this soldier of the northern army from a sense of duty.

"I know very well that people have thought hard of me," she said, tearfully; "but the man was ill; he came to Tallahassee for his health, and here he was, ill among strangers. And his mother was my friend, dear Miss Winifred," she continued, addressing herself to the young girl, as to a more sympathetic listener; "what could I do?"

"You know best, of course, Mrs. Scott," said Winifred, coldly.

"Yes, she was my friend!" Mrs. Scott repeated, with some asperity, feeling that she had not received the hearty indorsement she had hoped for from Winifred. "I was a poor friendless little thing at school, and Adelaide Hardy, who was a good deal older than I, was always my champion. And this was not all; her father was rich and mine was poor, and it was through her kindness and liberality that I enjoyed advantages I could not otherwise have had. She is dead now, but I don't forget all she did for me."

"No," said Winifred, "you could not forget that." She rose and moved restlessly about the room, and at last came and stood beside Mrs. Scott's chair; she felt a strong, incomprehensible impulse to stoop and kiss that lady, but she resisted it.

"I am a southerner, and I have the sentiments of a southerner," Mrs. Scott continued, with some excitement, "as Capt. Fletcher knows; but I receive him for his dear mother's sake; and this I can say for him—he is a gentleman."

"Of course," said Winifred, crisply. "My Aunt Winifred's friend must be a gentleman."

"If it had not been for the war!" Mrs. Scott exclaimed, with a bitter sigh. "As my husband says, Capt. Fletcher has come too late for the old times, and too soon for the new. Mr. Scott, you know, dear Miss Elvira, is such a sufferer from that wound he received at Shiloh—hardly ever leaves the house, and the captain is so kind about playing chess with him. Of course we avoid all discussions of the war, and so I would advise you to do, Miss Winifred."

"I have no wish to discuss any subject with him, except my brother Nicholas," Winifred replied coldly.

CHAPTER XXVII.

WINIFRED'S THANKS.

"You do not know how much it means to me."

After many weary days John Fletcher at last was able to make his appearance down stairs. Very pale and weak the ghost of his former self, he looked, as he sat in the sunshine on the broad piazza; and Winifred's heart was in her throat at sight of him. He was alone, and she saw that now was her opportunity to speak to him of Nicholas; and yet she approached him not without embarrassment, for she could not forget that she had refused to speak to him under Mrs. Lorrimer's roof.

Neither could John Fletcher forget the occasion when this young lady had turned her back upon him and marched out of the room, emphasizing every step with her small crutch as though she desired to crush him, as possibly she did; and now she ignored that proceeding! He bowed his acknowledgments somewhat stiffly when she said, with an effort to overcome a certain shyness: "I am so glad that you are able to be out;" but when, on a sudden impulse and with a deepening color, she stretched out her hand, he smiled as he took it and the rudeness of the past was forgotten. He had been interested in Winifred's story, but little was lacking to interest him in Winifred herself.

She looked at him with all her soul in her eyes for the space of several seconds before she found words, and then they came almost in a whisper.

"You do not know how much it means to me," she said, "to shake hands with you, who have shaken hands with Brer Nicholas. Tell me of him! Tell me all! It is the nearest I can come to him!"

Capt. Fletcher had felt rather bored by the interest his meeting with Nicholas Thorne had excited, but now he was moved to tell the story with a minuteness of detail he had never yet bestowed upon it. It was not that a beautiful young girl was listening, with her wistful eyes upon his face; it was the pathos of her long, unwavering devotedness of affection that stirred his deepest, most reverent sympathy—a pathos the more touching by contrast with the fact that her brother's affection for her had seemed to him to have faded into a calm and ordinary memory. But he could not tell her this; neither could he tell her that Nicholas' heart was hardened against his father.

"My father is growing old," Winifred said, sadly, when he had ended. "The war has made many people old in this part of the world. And I—if I do not find Brer Nicholas, I too, shall be old—old."

The captain was conscious of two distinct sentiments on hearing her express herself in this way—an irresistible irritation that she should use the negro term "Brer" for "Brother," and an equally irresistible irritation that so much feeling should be lavished upon Nicholas Thorne.

"But he will come back some blessed day!" she exclaimed, with a sudden change of tone. "He will come back, and Daddy Gilbert with him! Poor old Daddy Gilbert! How it must have grieved him to forego his little possessions here; but he did it at my bidding. I did not know that it would be for so long. I was but a child, and it seemed an easy thing for me to have my own way. But I must not tire you," she interrupted herself. "I will go now."

Fletcher was glad she had spared him thanks. "If her hatred is proportioned to her love," he said to himself, gazing after her, "with what intensity she must hate a Yankee!" And he laughed aloud.

In the dusk, that evening, Winifred went out to Glory Ann's house and entreated the old woman to make the waffles for supper; and Mom Bee grumbled:

"Hukkom Chaney can't cook ter suit you here lately, Missy? 'Pears ter me you mighty notionate all of a suddin'."

"Chaney can't; she never could make waffles equal to yours, Mom Bee," coaxed Missy. "And Capt. Fletcher is down stairs today for the first time; don't you know he will be tired and hungry?"

"You is done put yo' wah feelins inter yo' pocket, is you?" said Glory-Ann.

Glory-Ann was keeping her vigilant eyes very wide open at this time. Indeed, Miss Winifred Thorne's probable attitude toward the Yankee captain provoked surmise on all sides. The situation was freely discussed by Mrs. Leonard Thorne, who, of course, avoided Thorne Hill, but who was therefore the oftener at Mrs. Herry's.

"It's a dreadful state of things," she said, with complacency. "If that Yankee should lose his heart to Missy, that wouldn't so much matter; serve him right I'm thinking; but suppose Missy should take a fancy to him?"

"It isn't supposable!" cried Bess, hotly.

"Yes, it is supposable," Mrs. Leonard insisted, with obstinate calm. "There is no saying what Winifred Thorne may or may not do. She always was headstrong, you know; and she wouldn't care for her father's consent."

"I am not so sure, as to that," Mrs. Herry objected, charitably. "She always pays her father the most respectful deference."

"I'm glad you give it the right name!" said Mrs. Thorne, with a chilly little laugh. "We can't say she loves her father, as you've seen for yourself, Cousin Myrtilla."

Mrs. Herry had seen it and sorrowed over it. When next Winifred came to town, "Missy, dear child," she said, with affectionate entreaty, "why is it that you do not love your father?"

"But I do," said the girl, reddening. "At least, I love him, I suppose, just as most girls love their fathers."

She had no mind to confess that she had awakened to a strange self knowledge of late. Time had been when she was sure that she could never love any one as she loved her brother; her very lameness, the witness of the strength and devotedness of that affection, had held her aloof from the love that enters so largely into the dreams of girlhood; but now, to her dismay and confusion, she perceived that she was capable of a sentiment different altogether from that which she cherished for her brother. The discovery filled her with impatience and indignation against herself; and if her long rebellious heart did not yet throb with a daughter's tender love, she had at least begun to understand both her father's need of sympathy and his shrinking therefrom. But of all this Winifred could not speak, and Mrs. Herry forbore to urge her.

John Fletcher's position at this time was by no means entirely to his liking. So long as his life hung trembling in the balance, so long as he remained confined to his room, he felt no embarrassment in being the guest of Col. Thorne; in misfortune he was "a man and brother," and no shadow chilled the hospitality heartily accorded him; but now that he was on his feet again there was an irksome consciousness of the chasm across which no cordial hand clasp yet was possible. In a thousand indefinable ways John Fletcher realized the truth of Mr. Scott's lament, that he had come too late for the old times, too soon for the new. The very care with which his host ignored all topics that could lead to heated discussion gave him an irritating sense of being superfluous.

Christmas was drawing near, the first Christmas after the war, and the northerner shrank instinctively from spending this festival with the Thornes. Dr. Lane however, insisted that his patient could not yet bear the journey to town, and Col. Thorne, more peremptory than the doctor himself, would not hear of his guest's departure.

"I have pledged myself to my aunt and your old friend," he said, "for your perfect recovery. You must allow me the satisfaction of keeping my word."

So John Fletcher resigned himself to stay. Thorne Hill was not devoid of interest for an observant stranger, disposed to study the transitional state of southern life. The colonel, Miss Elvira, Mom Bee were all of them representatives of types that must rapidly pass away. And there, too, was Missy, by far the most interesting study that Thorne Hill afforded. Very little did John Fletcher see of her; yet it did not escape him that she was, in a certain sense, aloof from her father and her aunt. From his heart he pitied her uneventful days, her isolated life; but he was far too wise to give any sign of his sympathy, for Winifred, in a way as unmistakable as it was indefinable, had given him to understand that there was an insurmountable barrier between them.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

IN THE GLOAMING.

"Why, Missy! Missy! huh you do!"

Christmas day came, that sad, first Christmas after the war, and John Fletcher, who had vainly hoped to leave before this date, declined to make his appearance at breakfast.

The day was not marked by the old time hilarity that was over forever. There was no supply of egg nog and ginger bread, no popping of fire crackers, and the shout of "Chris'mus Gif'!" was feeble and infrequent. Missy dispensed a few presents privately to such of the old family negroes as remained in her father's service, as well as to some few deserters, who had taken advantage of that day's holiday to visit Thorne Hill.

The colonel shut himself up in his office all the morning, and Miss Elvira and Winifred went alone to church.

John Fletcher remained in his own room; it was his purpose to remain there all day, but in the afternoon Glory-Ann brought him a little note from Missy.

"I know why you stayed away from breakfast," she wrote; "it was kindly meant, but you are our guest, and you must dine with us. It will not be gay, but you will know how to pardon the absence of gayety."

John Fletcher was three and thirty; he thought he had outgrown all sentimental foolishness, but he put Winifred's note carefully away; it was his only Christmas present! And of course he accepted the invitation.

The dinner was not gay; an inevitable sense of constraint brooded over the company and made the meal a penance, and each one was secretly glad to quit the table.

When the sun had gone down Winifred left Miss Elvira making up her account with Bishop Ken, and went out for a walk. The air was chill and light clouds obscured the sky, but Winifred feared neither the night air nor the fast gathering gloom.

John Fletcher saw her as she went across the yard, under the leafless China trees, and an impulse for which he did not seek to account urged him to follow. Wherefore should he, because of a war that was over, be forever an alien? She had sent him the invitation to dinner; rather would he have fasted; but because she had asked it he did violence to his feelings; it was too much to expect him to do violence to his feelings a second time in one day, and he followed her. With swift strides he overtook her just as she reached the gate that led into the lane.

"Allow me," he said, as he stepped forward to open it.

She turned and looked at him; a sudden blush swept over his face as she thanked him.

"May I go with you?" he asked, boldly. "It is too late for you to be out alone," he urged, seeing her hesitate; "it is growing dark, and"——

"I am not afraid," she said. "I am going no farther than Daddy Gilbert's old cabin. It is not a place that can interest you"——

"But I may go with you?" he reiterated.

Winifred smiled, and they walked on in silence. He had never yet been able to conquer the constraint that oppressed him in her presence, and she had never learned the art of "making talk." She did not speak until they reached the fence inclosing old Gilbert's deserted dwelling.

"This is the place," she said, and pushed open the sagging gate before the captain could offer to assist her. "You will never see all that I see in this poor spot," she added; but she held the gate open, and the captain smiled and stepped inside.

A dense thicket of plum bushes had grown up at the back of the house, and the dry stalks of the self sown Palma Christi bean occupied all the little space in front; the path to the broken door step was overgrown with rank knot grass that had lost its greenness, and all about the half fallen and abandoned little dwelling there brooded a melancholy calm, intensified by the fast gathering shadows.

"The negroes say this place is haunted," Missy said, "but I am the only ghost that flits this way. I like to come here when I am sad."

"And are you sad now?" John Fletcher asked, impulsively, with a deeper sympathy than he dared to show.

A moment's pause followed; then Missy said, in a light tone, as if she would dismiss the subject:

"There is no reason why I should be very gay—just now."

Her brave endurance, her proud reserve, touched John Fletcher more deeply than any complaining. An infinite tenderness took possession of him, as he contemplated this child—he was more than ten years her senior—so ethereal, so young to be thus overshadowed by sorrow and infirmity.

"'Just now?'" he repeated, with a passionate wish to comfort her. "But this will not last! You are so young; life is only beginning. There is happiness in store for you; I am sure of it!"

Even while he spoke he perceived, with a thrill of glad wonder, that Winifred made a slight involuntary movement, as if she would draw nearer to him, and on the instant he was by her side.

But she had not heard a word he said. She was gazing intently into the depths of the plum thicket, with panting breath and quick beating heart. "What is that?" she gasped, in a terrified whisper, and clutched the captain's arm.

"Do not be frightened," he said, as he laid his hand on hers, which was cold and trembling. "There is nothing here to harm you."

"There! Do you not see?" she whispered fearfully, "or, am I going mad?" And with a stifled scream Winifred Thorne hid her eyes against the Yankee captain's arm.

"It is only an old negro," he answered, as what had seemed a shadow emerged from the thicket and assumed definite form.

"An old negro," Missy repeated, and shivered from head to foot. "Are there, indeed, such things as ghosts?" But she did not look up until she heard the old, familiar greeting:

"Why, Missy! Missy! huh you do!"

The voice, the words, electrified her. She abandoned fear; she sprang forward; she seemed to fly to meet the apparition coming along the grass grown path, and, stretching out her hands, she clasped them over old Gilbert's toil hardened fingers, while her crutch fell forgotten on the ground.

"At last! Oh, at last!" Her voice rang out upon the twilight stillness, full of an infinite pathos of thanksgiving.

Somehow, John Fletcher was not as pleased as he should have been; he felt himself deserted. He picked up the crutch and stood irresolute, loth to leave, yet uncertain whether it became him to stay.

"Tubbe sho!" old Gilbert responded, with a chuckle of supreme satisfaction. "Hit's me! En' you is dat growed, Missy, en' pritty ez a pink! Lawd love de chile!"

"Brer Nicholas? Where is Brer Nicholas?"

"Missy, ain't Mawse Nicholas here at home?" asked old Gilbert, anxiously.

"No!" cried Missy, sharply. "Oh, why do you ask that?"

"Den, Missy, chile, I dunno whey is Mawse Nicholas," said the old man, slowly and sorrowfully.

Missy's head drooped; her slight form swayed like a reed. Capt. Fletcher sprang forward and saved her from falling.

"Why, I 'lowed you wuz mawster," said old Gilbert, bewildered; "en', praise ter glory—I do bullieve—you sho'ly is—Mawse Gin'ral Fletcher, in de Fed'ral army!"

"That's my name, but not my rank," the captain replied, as he placed Winifred on the doorstep.

"Thank you; I wasn't going to fall," said she, with averted head.

John Fletcher felt snubbed decidedly; yet he did not like to leave Winifred, though she ignored his presence—or rather she was oblivious of him.

"It was on this very top step," she said to old Gilbert, reproachfully, "that you promised to keep track of Brer Nicholas, and now you do not know where he is."

"Honey," returned old Gilbert, mildly, "what kin a po' ole no 'count nigger do in de stir o' de nations? I don' my top bes' ter keep Mawse Nick outen de wah, but he wuz jes' dat heady, go he would"——

"Of course," said Missy, proudly.

"I tol' him he wuz gwan git hisse'f shot ter pieces, foolin' 'long o' dat wah, but he ain't pay no 'tention; en' I follered him, en' I cotch up wid him when he wuz faerly riddled wid bullets."

Missy covered her face with her hands and turned away from Capt. Fletcher with a shudder.

The movement might have been involuntary, but it was impossible to misunderstand it. John Fletcher gave the crutch to old Gilbert and went away; but he could not go fast enough to avoid hearing old Gilbert's comment:

"Missy, dat Mawse Gin'ral is quality, sho', fitten ter be one o' de Thorne genera[illegible] frien'ly ter Mawse Nick?"

"Never mind him," Missy interrupted, sharply. "How did you happen to lose Brer Nicholas?"

"Missy, hit wuz dishyer way: I dudno hukkom Mawse Gin'ral Fletcher had brung hit ter pass; but me en' Mawse Nick, wewuz turned free outen Nashville, whey we wuz tooken pris'ners, en' I brung Mawse Nick to Melton, in de Windy Valley, ez de call hit, whey we wuz livin' endurin' of de wah; en' mo'n Miss Dosia en' Miss Roxy White we nussed him well agin; en' den I wuz tuk flat wid de roomatiz, so ez hit wuz onposserbul ter look atter Mawse Nick; en' I dunno whicherway he went sence dat.

"He done lef' Miss Dosia en' de chile, en' Miss Roxy, en' tuk up his march ter hunt de army. Tubbe sho, de wuz a-sayin' how de warn't no mo' army; but all I know, Mawse Nick he went, en' bombye de come a letter ter Miss Dosia what he wuz tuk mighty bad somewhar on de road; en' she follered him, sudden; en' den, presently, Miss Roxy she packed up en' tuk de chile; en' fust I knowed dere wuz I douten nobody, 'ceptin' det, buffo' he lef', Mawse Nick come en' tell me, 'Daddy, dese is mighty onsartin times, en' I mought'n nuver see you no mo', en' here a letter fur de colonel.'"

"Oh, give it to me!" cried Missy.

"I got him safe, Missy; but hit wuz fur yo paw det hit wuz intrusted ter me, en hit's mawster I'm gwan pass hit ter, sho'ly."

"Then come, come at once to my father!"

"Tubbe sho! dishyer night air is chilly, en' my roomatiz is a caution. Woner is Missle-virey got any mo' dat liniment, Missy? You see I done do bes' what I could."

"And God bless you!" said Missy, fervently. "You shall suffer for nothing, so long as we have anything. Come! Come quick, and tell my father."

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A Republican County Convention will be held at the Court House at Smethport on [illegible] 1890, [illegible] for the purpose of nominating candidates for the several county offices, as follows, to wit: [illegible]

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We are authorized to announce Walt [illegible] as a candidate for Sheriff, subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention.

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY

We are authorized to announce [illegible] Chapman, of Bradford, as a candidate for District Attorney, subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of M. F. [illegible] of Port Allegany, as a candidate for District Attorney subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Ed. Miner:—You are hereby authorized to announce that I am a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention, and the usages of the party. [illegible]

Simpson, Pa., June [illegible] 1890.

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We are authorized to announce Geo. M. Graff of Lafayette township, as a candidate for County Auditor, subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention.

THE only names we have heard mentioned for the County Auditor nomination are C. W. Freeman of Keating and George Graff of Lafayette. They are both good men.

Two new States, Idaho and Wyoming, have been added to the galaxy of the American Union within the past two weeks. This means two Republican members of Congress and four Republican U. S. Senators.

IN seconding Mr Wallace's nomination in the Scranton Convention the Harrisburg *Telegraph* says that Delegate Jacobs, of Juniata made this astonishing declaration: "There are one hundred thousand Pennsylvania Democrats who will follow the standard under no other leader than William A. Wallace." This about represents the Bourbon element unalterably arrayed against Pattison, and Mr Jacobs undoubtedly spoke under instructions.

FOLLOWING is the ticket nominated by the Prohibition party of McKean County on the 23d of June in Bradford:

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County Commissioners—John Kent, Daniel Staples.

Auditors—E. F. Greenman, C. P. Daly.

Delegates to State Convention—[illegible] Graves, J. O'Dell, M. S. Howe, K. K. Kane, E. Dennis, W. H. Dennis, Rev. [illegible], Dr. J. R. McCarty.

HENRY WATTERSON, the brilliant editor of the Louisville *Courier-Journal* and one of the ablest Democrats of the country, has this to say in a late issue of his paper about the institution of slavery as it existed before the war. "The most extreme abolitionist who ever lived cannot exceed the measure of the detestation I feel, and have felt all my life for human slavery, and human slavery in all its forms and aspects. There never was a more indefensible institution than African slavery in America. To buy and sell human life at will, to separate a husband and wife, a mother and daughter, a father and son, brothers and sisters without remorse, to deny education, discourage virtue and leave no hope of relief, was indeed to fly in the face of God Himself. That ministers of the Gospel sustained this system, and that thousands went out to fight for it who had no interest in it and did not believe in it, only shows to what a white heat the friction of antagonism and controversy can drive the passions of good and brave men. It is happily gone from us. It was wiped out in blood and flame. If it was a crime in New England to bring them here, New England at least ought to be satisfied, for the new South has dearly expiated it."

GEN. JOHN C. FREMONT died at his residence in New York on Sunday, aged 77 years. His death was sudden and unexpected. John Charles Fremont was a brave American explorer, statesman and general and was known as the pathfinder of the Rocky mountains. He made his first official survey of the country between the Missouri river and the Pacific coast in 1842 and also explored Utah, Colorado and other then unknown ground. He freed Northern California from Mexican domination and served as its first Governor. Although a native of Georgia, General Fremont always held anti-slavery views and was the first Republican candidate for the Presidency having been nominated by the National Convention held in Philadelphia in 1856, as a competitor of James Buchanan, receiving the electoral votes of eleven States. He was a Major General of the regular army, and commander of the department of the Missouri, or Western district during the war and he issued an order for the emancipation of the slaves of those who should take arms against the United States but this act was disapproved and annulled by the President, who considered it premature. Since his retirement from the army he has taken little if any part in public affairs.

GEN. CLINTON B. FISKE died at his residence in New York at 11:30 a. m., on Wednesday of last week, aged 62 years. He was born in Livingston county, N. Y., in 1828. His parents removed to Michigan in his infancy. After a successful career as a merchant in Michigan he removed to St. Louis, where in 1862 he became Colonel of the Thirty-third Missouri regiment, and was during the war breveted Major General of Volunteers. After the war he was assistant commissioner under General Howard in the management of the Freedman's Bureau. He afterwards removed to New Jersey. He actively aided in establishing Fiske University at Nashville, Tenn., in 1865 and was named for him. While connected with that institution he organized the Fiske Jubilee Singers, a colored troupe, who electrified the country with their plantation ballads. He was at the time of his death a trustee of Dickinson College, of Drew Theological Seminary and of Albion College, Michigan. He was a trustee of the American Missionary Association and also a member of the Book Committee of the M. E. Church. General Fiske rendered conspicuous service to Methodism in his efforts to further a reunion of the Northern and Southern branches of the Church. He was also identified with the temperance movement and was a candidate for Governor of New Jersey on the Prohibition ticket in 1885 and a candidate for President on the same ticket in 1888.

THE coming reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic at Boston promises to be the greatest event of the kind ever known in this or any other country. It is estimated that between 150,000 and 200,000 veterans will parade and that there will be nearly half a million visitors to be taken care of. Such a re-assemblage of soldiers, a quarter of a century after the end of a war in which they heroically participated, has not been before consummated nor attempted. The Philadelphia *Bulletin* well says there were never before so many survivors of an active conflict after twenty five years because there were never before so many original participants. In the ephemeral nature of the issues which have plunged European nations into conflicts the patriotic spirit had not survived long enough nor proven sufficiently cohesive to gather the veterans in a memorial assemblage. The governments under which the European soldiers fought were never so generous to the soldiers, who thus became luke warm or indifferent in their feelings of allegiance. It usually happens, too, that the quarter of a century veterans are in every sense veterans. They have outlived the patriotic fervor of the season of their warfare. And, above all, they never had such generous reason to feel proud of their country as have our own veterans, whose patriotism instead of fading, increases as the years fly. Boston is hard at work providing means to make the veterans happy and comfortable, and no doubt all will be amply provided for.

JOHN S. BROMSTER, of Sergeant township, desires us to say, that the statement that he will support Mr Sonbergh for County Commissioner, which appeared in the MINER recently, is not correct. He has reasons, altogether personal to himself, which influences his action in opposing Mr Sonbergh.

EX PRESIDENT CLEVELAND ought to be the chairman of the Democratic State Committee. He ordered the nomination of Pattison, and he ought to be made to elect him—if he can.

THE CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

We do not hesitate to say that no mistake would be made in selecting any two of the ten gentlemen who ask for the nomination for County Commissioner. They belong to the class which can be designated as the best citizens of the County. Several of them are heavy taxpayers who would guard jealously the interests of those who bear the burdens of taxation.

Mr Wicks has been a resident of the County ever since the first oil development. For the past ten or twelve years he has lived at Simpson in Keating township, in what is now the third election precinct. For the past three years he has served as County Auditor and is thoroughly conversant with the county finances. He is a veteran of the war of the rebellion, is a member of Post 141, of Bradford. He would be a strong candidate.

Wm Ramer, Esq. has been a resident of Smethport for the past 34 years, and is one of its live, progressive citizens. Although he is a heavy taxpayer he is ever ready to stand his share of the burdens provided they are devoted to the public good. He and his three sons are among our most active Republicans, and if nominated he would run ahead of his ticket in this vicinity. He would make a first-class Commissioner.

Wm Haskell, Esq. is another citizen of Smethport borough having located here 37 years ago. His father was a Democrat, but the injustice of human slavery produced so profound an impression upon young Haskell's mind that the first vote he cast for President was in Smethport and for John C. Fremont, and from that day to this he has never voted for a Democratic candidate for President or Governor. He is also a heavy taxpayer and if elected it would be to his interest to see that the financial affairs of the county were economically administered. That he would make an excellent Commissioner there can be no question.

The Swede population of McKean county forms in the neighborhood of 300 Republican voters, and they have become an important factor in Republican ranks. John O. Sonbergh of Clermont is the only representative of that nationality who is asking for the nomination of Commissioner. Mr Sonbergh has served Sergeant township 5 years as Assessor, 3 years as Collector and 3 years as Justice of the Peace and the county 3 years as County Auditor. In every position he has shown marked ability, and few men are better qualified for the position of Commissioner. If his nomination is asked for by the representative men of the Swede nationality of this county that request should have great weight with the delegates to the County Convention. He is an earnest Republican and would make a capital Commissioner.

There were many years when it was not altogether safe for a Republican to work for his ticket around the polls in Port Allegany. But those days have passed and in that live town the political parties to-day are nearly evenly divided. In days of yore there were a few Republicans who would stand at the polls of Liberty township, in Port Allegany, and fight for their [illegible]. Frank D. Smear, of Annin township, who is asking for a Commissioner's nomination. For the past few years he has lived in the latter township, the Republicans of which are very earnest in asking his nomination. No mistake would be made in granting their request. He is a good business man and would make an excellent Commissioner.

H. A. Young, of Keating township, who is known all over the county as "Herm" Young, and a Republican worker of that township, is a candidate for Commissioner, and if there is a more deserving one in the county it would be difficult to find him. He has been a worker in Republican ranks from his childhood and it is always of the most effective character. He is a large tax payer and no money would be foolishly squandered if he was made a Commissioner. He was a brave soldier of the war of the Rebellion and is a member of McKean Post No. 347.

There is an old gentleman, now past eighty, who lives at the foot of Lynx hill on the road to Port Allegany from Smethport, by the name of Ostrander. He has lived there upwards of thirty years, cleared up a farm, and raised a family of ten boys nine of whom are living, and with their venerable father always vote the Republican ticket. Their Republicanism is "bred in the bone," and nothing can swerve them from their faith. Walter Ostrander, one of the sons, is a candidate for Commissioner, and he is asking what he is entitled to if party service is taken into consideration. His nomination would be heartily endorsed by all Republicans who know him.

Alderman D. F. Wolcott, of Bradford city is also a candidate for Commissioner. He is one of the staunch Republicans of that section of the county and that he would make an acceptable and efficient Commissioner there can be no question.

James Biggins, of Ceres township, a veteran of the war of the Rebellion and a member of Eldred Post, G. A. R., is another candidate for Commissioner. Mr. Biggins is also a large tax payer and if made a Commissioner no money of the people would be needlessly squandered. He is a good man, a thorough Republican and will come to the convention with a strong backing from Ceres and Eldred townships and Eldred borough.

Last but not least in point of merit is Captain P. M. Fuller, one of the present Commissioners. Capt. Fuller is also a veteran of the war of the Rebellion, a member of Post 141 Bradford, and for 25 years resided in the Tuna valley. The following, which appeared recently in the *Star* we heartily endorse. "It is almost impossible for one to serve the public faith in that office without cultivating a crop of enemies and critics, yet while Commissioner Fuller has given the office his constant attention and best service the crop of critics and enemies has been comparatively light. He could do better service the next three years than a new man could hope to, and if nominated there should be no question of his election."

THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

From The Philadelphia Bulletin.

The sharply fought contest between ex Senator Wallace and ex Governor Pattison for the Democratic nomination for Governor was brought to a close by the defeat of Mr. Wallace. This was not due to Mr Pattison's popularity in his party, but to the very clever manner in which his managers took advantage of the sentiment that he was the most available man for the occasion. Whatever may have been ex Senator Wallace's skill as a leader and tactician in past years, it was plainly evident that in the management of his canvass he was not equal to the alert ness of his younger opponents, and that his influence was confined almost entirely to the old members of the party who live in its past and who went to the convention with the hope that Wallace would make a superb display of party generalship like that with which he dazzled them twenty years ago.

It was a mortifying reverse to Mr Wallace and his refusal to say a word in behalf of his successful rival after the nomination was made shows how bitterly he feels it. This feeling is shared by many of his followers who could not believe that it was possible to defeat their ancient chief especially when pitted against a candidate who has, in their opinion so little in common with the tastes, temper and traditions of The Democratic party. To them Mr Wallace even in his advancing years, is a Democrat of the perfect type, and Mr Pattison only a Mugwump who ought to be taken into the Republican fold and it is certain that many of them will enter the campaign if not with open hostility at least with indifference to the ticket. The Democratic vote which Mr. Pattison will receive will unquestionably be thousands fewer than the Democratic vote which Mr Wallace could have called out, especially in the old Democratic strongholds.

This has been anticipated by the friends of ex Governor Pattison, who declare that such loss as they may sustain in this way will be more than balanced by the great gains which they are sure to get from the Republican party. It is not necessary now to enter into any discussion at length on this point. Reasons have already been given in these columns for believing that Mr Pattison's strength with independents or dissatisfied Republicans has been very much exaggerated. There is no tendency now visible on their part to leave the Republican party or to bolt the Republican ticket, and there will be none at all in sight, if the Republican campaign should be conducted with good judgment. On the contrary the tendency is to accept the Republican nominations and beyond the limited circle in which Mr Wharton Barker and Tom Marshall have their political being there has been no disposition to assume that the situation in 1890 is what it was in 1882.

It would be foolish to deny that Mr Pattison is a strong candidate, but he is not so strong that he could win the office of Governor if the election were to be held to-morrow. He is, however, the candidate who may be expected to profit most from Republican blunders or follies, which indeed have given him every office that he has held. His personal character is clean and simple and his public career has been characterized by errors of the head rather than of the heart, and if the Republican leaders should be guilty of foolishness or incapacity he would be voted for by many Republicans on the ground that his honesty would cover his defects of judgment. The nomination will thus have a beneficial effect in putting the Republicans on their guard and in causing them to close every possible source of weakness or peril. They have been warned early and they will also be early forearmed.

The ex Governor, however, has set his heart on regaining possession of the Executive Mansion and he and his friends, who now have taken complete control of the Democratic organization, will wage a desperate struggle. We do not believe however that there will be any possibility of success for it if the Republican party avoids blundering. Fortunately it has a candidate whose character is as clean as Mr Pattison's whose wisdom is broader and better balanced and who will lead an aggressive campaign from beginning to end. Mr Pattison has heretofore trusted to the luck which Republican quarrels have brought him. That luck we believe will not be with him this year.

DELAMATER'S PROSPECTS

The enemies of Senator Delamater, the Republican nominee for Governor of Pennsylvania have got him whipped already on paper and with wind. Secretary Watchorn of the Miner's Federation of America, for instance, is paraded as making this statement:

We have 80,000 miners who vote in Pennsylvania, and they will vote as a single man against the nominee of yesterday's convention, unless the Democratic party shall be fool enough to put up Wallace on next Wednesday. You see, as between Wallace and Delamater the vote would be divided, but if ex Governor Pattison be renominated party lines will be obliterated and the immense mining vote of the Commonwealth will be cast solidly in his favor. He is regarded as a personal friend to every miner in the State, because he is responsible for most of the beneficent mining laws.

On the face of this statement Delamater is gone up. But as the 80,000 miners alluded to are nearly all Democrats, as there are 987,000 voters in the State, of whom 79,000 more were Republicans than Democrats in 1888, and as Pattison is the special candidate of William L. Scott, whose oppressions of miners at Scott Haven have given that place a reputation as the Siberia of America, an analysis of the situation makes an entirely different showing and one wholly favorable to Mr Delamater. The bitter fight between Wallace and Scott for control of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania has made Mr. Delamater's path to the Governorship fairly easy, al though it may be somewhat thorny.—*New York Press.*

ED. MINER:—As the Republican County Convention is drawing nigh and attracts a good deal of attention, I would like to say a few words in regard to the nomination of County Commissioners. There are now at a rough estimate not less than 1,000 Swedish voters within McKean county who have invariably voted a straight Republican ticket and done everything in their power to secure the election of the party candidates, but never in the history of McKean did they hold a county office and I do not think they ever asked for any until this time. They have selected a candidate for County Commissioner whose name is Jno. O. Sonbergh, of Clermont. He is a Swede and a favorite of the nation and has the support of every Scandinavian in the county, and in order to secure his nomination we look to our American friends to stand by us in good faith as honestly as we have stood by them. SWEDE.

"WHY NOT NOMINATE YOUNG?"

ED. MINER:—A good many people in Keating township are desirous of the nomination of Herman Young for County Commissioner. He was a good soldier, has always been a faithful Republican, is a good business man, and we want just such men as he is in that office. Truly Yours,

KEATING.

Farmers Valley, July 12, 1890.

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL

[From our own Correspondent]

HARRISBURG, July 14.—Pattison and Black, as repeatedly predicted by your correspondent is the Democratic Jersey match team entered for the Gubernatorial race this fall.

Thus far the nominations of the Scranton convention have failed to create any special enthusiasm among the faithful bourbon flock, but on the contrary it is evident that the Democracy have concluded that their proverbial reputation for having better "hindsight" than "foresight" has again been exemplified and the mistake of the Scranton convention is now too apparent.

Harrisburg is a Wallace stronghold, where the Democratic party is presided over by B. F. Myers, a sagacious, level headed and good leader, but in the Capitol city, here little interest is shown in the ticket that has been recommended for Democratic suffrages.

On the morning of the departure of our crack Democratic club for Scranton the faithful proudly marched to the station gayly equipped with beautiful Wallace badges displayed on the lapels of their coats, banners and flags floating to the breeze and the band playing the liveliest of airs. Mr Myers their leader would have staked his last dollar on the nomination of Wallace. It is not positively known even at this late date, whether the club has returned, from Scranton or not. It is reported however, that the Capital city's representatives did return, but less boisterously than they departed, in fact it is said, they reached their headquarters in squads through the side streets entrances to the city denuded of all campaign badges banners furled and drums muffled, a sorry disappointed, sore head party.

Your correspondent has seen Mr Myers several times since his return from Scranton but he refuses to talk politics. The foregoing is no fancy sketch and drawing conclusions from what is seen in the daily press through out the State in Wallace strongholds it is safe to say that the Scranton Kangaroo ticket finds no lodgment in the hearts or sympathies of the Wallace legions.

The real question at issue in the Scranton convention was not so much Wallace or Pattison as it was Cleveland for 1892. The Cleveland or Scott Singerly faction came out of the convention on top, the Wallace or anti Cleveland's will rejoice in November next when the Pattison Cleveland boom will be buried under a Republican majority for Delamater of from eighty to one hundred thousand.

Wallace is tired (mad) and has gone to Europe for needed rest to cool off. A desperate attempt was made to induce the Clearfield statesman to take command of the Pattison forces during the campaign as Harrity the elected generalissimo does not fancy the idea of leading a forlorn hope and has resigned. Coupled with this offer of the Chairmanship of the Democratic State Central Committee were the most seductive promises of future preferment the U. S. Senatorship being one of the baits thrown out but Wallace adroitly slipped out of the county as quietly as he slipped into it several months ago and refused all the tempting offers made him. He did say in New York, before he sail that Pattison's nomination was made only in response to a sentiment, which sentiment had no true party backing. He freely expressed his disappointment at the final outcome of the convention's work.

It is a known fact and the threat was boldly made at Scranton that if Wallace had been nominated Scott, Harrity and Singerly would have nominated an independent ticket and placed it in the field (and Mr Wallace knew this too) and yet the same men who made Mr Wallace "eat crow," now call on him to act as their Moses and lead them out of the troubles their acts have brought upon themselves.

The successful faction sees breakers ahead. Pilot Wallace knows the channel well, but business on the other side is urgent and demands his immediate attention so he hies himself to Europe and when the tides of November roll in the old Pattison hulk will be landed high and dry in Salt River. Harrity of Philadelphia, however, proposes to do all he can to prevent disaster and while he refuses to remain in command he has issued his call for the State Executive Committee of the State to meet at Harrisburg, July 24th, to elect a Chairman who may be willing to command during the campaign. The vacancy has been offered to Mr Hensel he does not want it. Kerr, of Clearfield, a Wallace man refuses it, Mr Myers, of Harrisburg, won't have it, not one of the Wallace adherents will accept so that it is more than probable that either Brennan, of Allegheny or Bob Munyan, Pattison's friends, will be selected. The Democratic situation is decidedly interesting and is daily growing more interesting.

Meanwhile the Republicans, realizing the important issues at stake in this election, have accepted the ticket of the Harrisburg convention and are resolved upon its election. The party is united and with a united Republican party Pennsylvania will never be turned over to Democracy. ALLBOTT.

LITERARY NOTES.

THE MASTER OF UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

University College, the oldest in Oxford, said by tradition to have been founded by Alfred the Great, is now presided over by Dr. Franck Bright, the author of a widely used *History of England*, who succeeded Dr. Bradley in the mastership on the appointment of the latter to the deanery of Westminster. He is a genial, socially disposed man, full of a certain dry humor, and immensely popular in the college. They tell a story of him which sufficiently illustrates the quality of his humor. The college had done well one year in the annual spring boat races, and the crew, elated by their success, indulged themselves by giving an unusually uproarious bump-supper at the conclusion of their exertions. The next morning one of their number had occasion to present himself in the Master's study to give him an essay. The Master was sitting at his writing table, evidently absorbed in business. Presently he looked up, to see the young man standing at his elbow, essay in hand.

"So and so," said the Master (he stutters a little), "you were all d-d drunk last night."

"No, sir! upon my word, sir!" remonstrated the young man, full of righteous indignation.

"Th-th-then there's no excuse for you," said the Master, and went on with his writing.—From "Social Life in Oxford," by Ethel M. Arnold, in *Harper's Magazine* for July.

PERHAPS the most extraordinary article ever published upon "Hypnotism" will appear in the *Cosmopolitan Magazine* for August. It was secured from one of the two most celebrated professors of the weird art, the Frenchman Donato, and the illustrations were secured by having a number of subjects taken to the photograph gallery of Mr. Kurtz, in New York, and there hypnotised under the camera by Donato himself. The illustrations show very fairly the frightful powers which the hypnotiser exerts, and the whole article makes plain a subject which is exciting much attention all over the world at this time. One who has not seen the facile movement of the hypnotiser and the change which takes place in the victim under his apparently simple action, cannot for a moment comprehend the wonderful powers exercised. One moment the subject looks you in the eye, talks to you as any other person, is in his right mind in every particular, the next, under a motion of the professor, his mind is as completely lost to his body as if his head had been cut off, and in this condition, subject to suggestions of the operator, suggestions, which may be carried to the most farcical or the most terrible results, he remains until recalled to life by the hypnotiser. Never before has a number of subjects been placed under the camera and operated upon in this way, and the article will doubtless be received with general interest throughout the country.

WE are all curious—and it is surprising how curious we are—to know the way other people live, especially well-known people. For several months we have been treated to glimpses into "Some Homes Under the Administration," in Washington, in a fine series of beautifully illustrated articles in *Demorest's Family Magazine*. In the August Number (just arrived), Postmaster General Wanamaker's mansion is thrown open to us, and we are charmed with its beauties. The handsomely executed illustrations give us every detail as accurately as would a personal view, and it is a great pleasure to stroll with the writer and artist through the elegant apartments and the famous picture gallery, the latter containing some of the rarest works of art in America. This August number should be seen by everybody, if for this feature alone, but it contains other features equally interesting, not the least of which is an account of "The Oberammergau Passion Play," which is illustrated not only with a picture of the Bavarian village where the play is now being enacted, but also with many of the tableaux shown in this historical performance. There is also a complete novelette by Queen Elizabeth of Roumania ("Carmen Sylva"), preceded by her portrait and fine illustrations of her summer castle and her boudoir. The other articles and stories are all of the highest order and beautifully illustrated, forming a Midsummer Number of rare merit, which is enhanced by a sea shore water color frontispiece of artistic value. Published by W. Jennings Demorest, 15 East 14th St., New York.

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July 3, 1890—3t.

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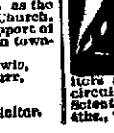

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McKean County Miner

Smethport, Pa., July 18, 1890.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A Mixed-up Dish.

Our lessons from the ape,
[illegible] if you choose,
[illegible] rather sour grapes
We're inclined to refuse
[illegible]
[illegible]
There are no things [illegible]
[illegible]

Maccabees picnic on the 30th.

Haying is about completed in this section.

Mercury has been dancing about the nineties the past week.

Emporium has a population of 2,180 according to the new census.

Will Specht is receiving the congratulations of numerous friends. It's a fine baby boy.

Smethport can boast of more handsome stores than any town of its size in the State.

The trout fishing season closed last Tuesday. Now give the speckled beauties a rest.

McCoy's new drug store in the I. O. O. F. building, presents a very handsome appearance.

—Bradford Post No. 141 will run an excursion to Silver Lake, on G. A. R. day, July 22.

A currant bush growing in the forks of a tree and laden with berries, is a novelty in Lancaster.

Lycoming county, it is said, is overrun with millions of toads about the size of grains of corn.

Everybody will find something of interest in Mrs. T. D. Nash's new advertisement, in this issue.

The Smethport Band is richer by [illegible] as a result of the Fourth of July celebration in this borough.

I. H. Curtis is making decided improvements in and about his blacksmith and wagon shop on Water street.

The Smethport base ball club are booked for a game with the Mt. Altons, on the latter's grounds, to-morrow.

A large number of Smethport sports witnessed the Bradford-Jamestown ball game, at Bradford on Wednesday.

Port Allegany's population under the late census is placed at upwards of 1,200, an increase of about 400 in ten years.

Several of our young people are arranging to attend the Summer school at Clarion, which opens on the 5th of Aug.

Everybody should see [illegible] which will be produced by the Kane Dramatic Club Friday Evening July 25.

An important and very desirable change is being made in the entrance to Masonic hall and other improvements will follow.

Kane Dramatic Club will appear at Aldridge's Opera House, in an original Comedy Drama with new costumes from Boston, Tuesday July 22.

F. D. Brooder, of Kane, has been granted a patent on an inkstand. Evidently the mind of the average Kaneite is given to the invention of inkstands.

The necessity for a citizens organization, or board of trade, in Smethport becomes more apparent every day. Who will be the first to move in this matter?

—"Jamestown vs. Bradford at Big Shanty," is the way the Olean *Times* announces a ball game to be played at Bradford, probably referring to that city's far-famed cabin depot.

A Shingle social is said to be the newest thing out. Not so. Our mother used to hold them frequently when we were a kid, and we were a favored guest every time.—*Ex.*

The young ladies of the St. Cecelia society gave a very enjoyable excursion and picnic down the Allegheny river on Thursday. The party took the train to Eldred, thence by steamer to Maccabee [illegible].

Union services will be held at East Smethport in the [illegible] school house on Sunday afternoon next, at 3 o'clock, Rev. W. D. Backus officiating. Sabbath school immediately after the services.

A very desirable change has been made in the Wilcox restaurant. A large addition has been built, the dining room removed, and the late dining room converted into a handsome ice cream parlor with a convenient side entrance.

An old frame building commonly known as the Bill Stanton house, located a few rods north of King's corners, was destroyed by fire on Sunday morning at about two o'clock. As the building had been unoccupied for some time, it is supposed the fire was of incendiary origin.

By resolution of Smethport Lodge, I. O. O. F., it was decided at the last meeting that the degrees of the order be conferred as follows: Initiatory, first meeting of the month, 1st degree on the second, 2d degree on the third and the 3d degree at the 4th meeting of each month respectively.

The Republican primaries for the selection of delegates to the County Convention, will be held at the respective polling places in the various election precincts on Saturday of next week. Read the call on second page and then make it a point to be there. It is a duty you owe to yourself and the party.

The residence of C. H. Moore, on Lower Main street, presents a decidedly handsome appearance with its fresh coat of paint. The work was done by Carl Sasse and reflects credit on that gentleman's artistic taste, and fully demonstrates the fact that whoever entrusts work, in this line, to Mr. Sasse makes no mistake.

A large number of Smethport enthusiasts went to Eldred on Friday to witness the ball game between the home team and the boys from the Sawdust city. The Austins won by a score of 13 to 1, but had Gilmartin, who pitched a good game for Eldred, received the same support as Austin's pitcher the result would probably have been different.

Probably the most remarkable growth of a Pennsylvania town is that of Steelton. In 1880 it had a population of 2,447, having been incorporated as a borough January 1880. An estimate of its population in 1890 just made from a rough calculation from the census returns, places the population at 9,100, a gain of [illegible] or over 275 per cent. Manufacturing did it.

Members of the Iron Cross Society who intend going camping on Lake Erie above Dunkirk on Monday, July 21st, or at any time during August and want the benefit of reduced rates must give their names to the Secretary, G. H. Mayo, by Saturday noon. There will be a meeting of the society on Saturday, July 19, at 1 o'clock p. m., at Rev. J. H. McCandless' office over the bank.

—The Western New York and Pennsylvania railroad will run one of their popular excursions to Ontario Beach, the Coney Island of Western New York, on Wednesday next. The fair has been placed at a very low figure and tickets will be good to return the same or next day. Ask your station agent for particulars or see bills. Nobody should fail to embrace this opportunity to visit this now popular resort.

—In adjusting the salaries of third-class postmasters, for the fiscal year the following changes were made in McKean county: Eldred, Kane and Port Allegany each increased by $100 dollars, Smethport reduced $100. Several things have conspired to bring about this result, in the Smethport salary which indicates nothing. As regards the business of the office it is certainly as large and probably much larger than ever before.

—Smethport's sporting people are evidently turning their attention to sprint running this season as our ball players have not been able to arrange a date at that place, even with a two-cent [illegible].—Austin *Autograph*. Oh come off Casey, you know better. A game was easily arranged for last Saturday for which bills were printed and circulated, but because Austin's hired battery were forced to leave our people were disappointed. The Smethports are anxious to meet the Austins, hired battery and all.

An exchange gives the following as a compound for the sure destruction of carpet bugs: Take one ounce of alum, one ounce of chloride of zinc, and three ounces of salt. Mix with two quarts of water and let it stand over night in a covered vessel. In the morning pour carefully into another vessel, without the sediment. Dilute with two quarts of water and apply by sprinkling the edge of the carpet for a distance of a foot from the wall. This is all that is necessary and the carpet will not be injured in texture or color.

—On Sunday last Rev. J. H. McCandless of St. Lukes Church was the recipient of a beautiful testimonial, the united offering of the Knights of St. Martin and the Iron Cross. The gift, which commemorates the tenth anniversary of Mr. McCandless' installation as pastor of the church, is a magnificent copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, bound in full Turkey morocco and was presented by J. C. Backus, on behalf of the above organizations in a few appropriate remarks. The reverend gentleman although taken completely by surprise, feelingly responded on accepting the gift.

A grand Maccabee picnic under the auspices of Smethport Tent will be held on Wednesday, July 30, in the Bush grounds, on Mechanic street. An elaborate programme is being prepared which is not sufficiently developed however to give particulars. It is expected that members of the order from all parts of the county will be present. A large platform will be erected and dancing will be in order day and night. Everybody should attend. Supreme State Commander Murray and J. McSweeney of Bradford, will be present and address the assemblage. The Smethport Military Band and Prof. Mills' orchestra will furnish the music.

—From the Sanborn Iowa *Journal* we learn of the death of Mrs. Rosina Comes, formerly of this county, which sad event occurred on June 20 in the 47th year of her age, the immediate cause of death being heart disease. A husband and three children, a son and two daughters mourn her loss. Mrs. Comes was a sister of Mrs. H. F. Wright, Mrs. S. F. Eaton and Mrs. L. F. Richmond, of this borough. She had been an invalid for some time and although in feeble health was not supposed to be in a dangerous condition until a short time previous to her death. The funeral was held on the 21st ult. and was largely attended, the Daughters of Rebecca, of which order she was an honored member, turning out in regalia and accompanying the remains to their last resting place in Sanborn cemetery.

It may not be generally known but nevertheless it is a fact that on the side hill back of [illegible] this borough is located one of the finest stone quarries in this section or for that matter in the country. The quarry is being developed. The stone taken out is of three colors, a beautiful brown, a blue and a gray, the latter closely resembling and being fully equal to the celebrated Berea, Ohio stone. The products of the quarry are all of a superior quality, fine grained, very hard and capable of being worked up for innumerable purposes, and what is better there is apparently an unlimited quantity. The quarry is easy of access, and in close proximity to Main street. With sufficient capital put in an industry might be opened up in Smethport which would give employment to several hundred men, and prove a paying investment. We hope to chronicle the opening and working of this quarry on a large scale at no very distant day.

It is related by a contemporary of a certain editor whose name is suppressed, that when a small boy, his father was running a printing office and publishing a weekly paper. One day an advance agent of a show came along and ordered some posters printed on cotton cloth. His order was filled, but for some reason he neglected to call for them, and they were left on the printer's hands. The printer's wife ran across them, and as cloth was then high, she took them home and used them to line a pair of pants she was making for the editor above mentioned, then a boy of ten years of age. As the months rolled by the pantaloons grew threadbare, and at school one day he accidentally tore the seat out, leaving about one foot of lining exposed to view. This of itself would have made the boys smile, but they laughed until the tears came when they observed the following words standing out boldly upon the lining, in large type: "Doors open at 7.30 performance begins at 8."

St. Luke's Church.

Services on Sunday next at 8 and 10.30 a. m. and at 8 p. m. The offerings at the morning service will be for Diocesan Missions.

Fire Alarm Signals.

The following code of signals, which have been adopted by the Smethport Hose, will be found of interest, not only to the members of the company, but to the citizens as well, as it will enable them to distinguish a fire alarm when given.

For an alarm of fire the whistle will be blown either continuously or in a succession of short toots.

Four medium toots of whistle calls the members of hose company to meet at hose house.

Two medium toots of whistle disbands the hose company or informs the members not to come to hose house, after an alarm has been sounded.

The fire whistle is located at the southwest corner of hose house, on the Water street side.

Every tissue of the body, every nerve, bone and muscle is made stronger and more healthy by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Personal.

A. H. Mayo, of Eldred, was in town Tuesday.

County Superintendent Eckels visited Bradford Monday.

Postmaster Griffith, of Kane, visited the county seat Tuesday.

A. T. Palmer, Esq., left Tuesday for a visit to Randolph, N. Y.

—Ex-Treasurer Shoemaker spent Sunday with his family in Smethport.

E. J. Miller, of the *Democrat*, is attending the editorial excursion this week.

Miss Nellie Backus, who has been visiting friends at Rixford, returned home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Burdick of this borough spent Sunday with friends in Clermont.

Hon. Henry Hamlin and son, Orlo, and Paul Hamlin visited Bradford on Wednesday.

Mrs. Theodore Hassett, of Emporium, accompanied by three of her children, is visiting friends in Smethport.

Mr. David Howells of Kane, candidate for Prothonotary before the Republican County Convention was in town Tuesday.

Messrs. Geo. Brownell and J. B. Lafferty took a trip to Daly brook Monday returning with a fine catch of trout.

The genial Thomas Harrington of Coudersport, is shaking hands with his numerous friends in Smethport this week.

Clarence Hewitt, of Portland, Me., is spending his summer vacation with his friend and college companion, Orlo Hamlin, in Smethport.

Miss Nellie Anglim, daughter of Commissioner Anglim, who has been visiting Miss Gertrude Lindsey of Bradford returned home on Monday.

Rev. J. H. McCandless went to Dunkirk on Tuesday and selected a site on Lake Erie for the "Iron Cross" camp. The party expect to leave for the camping grounds on Monday, July 21st.

Mr. F. L. McCoy left Monday for his home in Augusta, Ga. Mrs. McCoy and children will remain in Smethport through the summer months and will be rejoined by Mr. McCoy in September.

Hon. L. Rogers and son H. S. Rogers, of the MINER, left Monday for Washington, to attend the annual excursion of the Pennsylvania State Editorial Association. They will visit Fortress Monroe, Norfolk, Virginia Beach and other points of interest.

F. A. Snakard, M. L. Doll, F. O. Richards, J. R. Walker and D. R. Comfort, of Bradford and F. G. Hane of Kendall Creek made a [illegible] visit to Smethport last Sunday and were guests of mine host, H. F. Wright of the Wright House.

Marriage.

A subject of curious speculation at times with the gentler sex is how some women contrive to get married while others who seem more attractive fail to bring any man to the point, whatever wiles and arts they may employ.

It might be affirmed generally that whilst women understand one another and no man can ever be fully assured that he has a clear and satisfactory idea of any woman, still men usually know whom they desire to marry. They do not [illegible] women's estimate of each other [illegible] on this point.

The sort of woman who is pretty apt to go straight into the head and heart of a man is that is the damsel who seems to be openly interested in a man and shows it with simple tact.

The man who desires to remain single had better give the dangerous and captivating female a wide berth. He is flattered by the winning concern for him and it is a short distance to a warmer emotion.

Dress, wit, accomplishments of various kinds and even personal good looks, potent as they are, will fail to move a man as sensibly as a sympathetic attitude, sincerely, modestly but unequivocally displayed.

Whether it is his vanity that is touched or a perception, a kind of instinct that the damsel has a truly warm feeling [illegible] will make a true and devoted wife, the result is the same. His heart is stirred and he meditates marriage. The young woman may be plain, but she is beautiful to him. She may not be brilliant, but she is the perfection of sterling worth in his eyes.

Fine women may wonder at his choice, but he is not shaken. He knows the magnet that has drawn him, and his decision is soon made. He can never have a second love, whatever fortune may give him.

This is a simple statement of the moving cause to marriage in many instances and there is no reason to suppose that such marriages are not happy ones.

With a majority of men qualities of heart go farther than showy intellectual traits. Men want "helpmeets" in their wives and not animated fashion plates.—*Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph.*

W. C. T. U.

W. C. T. U. work has been much revived through out our county during the last month due to the work of Mrs. Ida M. Schoch, State Organizer for that society.

She first addressed the delegates to the Y reunion at Port Allegany, where she proved herself an inspiration to good work. Those present were so enthused and so clearly saw the part each one should have in the cause for temperance and purity that they returned home ready to impart the same enthusiasm to others.

At Eldred, where Mrs. Schoch found a thriving union of about thirty members, she addressed a large audience and gained new members, besides giving a new impetus to the work.

Her next visit was at Rixford. This resulted in a new organization of twenty members, with Lottie Sage, as President.

In Bradford work was again revived. The temperance people had never before been able to secure an audience for Mrs. Schoch. As this only is needed to prove the necessity of Y work and a good audience greeted her a strong union of thirty was organized and we feel assured that our work will prosper in this as in other cities of our state.

At Kendall Creek, Custer City and DeGolier the unions were visited, the work revived and new members gained.

From this county, Mrs. Schoch goes to Elk and Clinton counties on her way home. We bid her God speed and hope for another visit from her in the near future.

A "Y."

List of Letters.

Remaining in the postoffice at Smethport, Pa., for the week ending July 12.

Fulton, C. W.	Magnuson, C. A.
Lamb, D. A.	Walsh, Mrs. Maggie E.
Magnuson, Alfred	Wood, Mr. John W.
Johnson, Miss Isabel	

Persons calling for these letters, please say advertised and give date.

E. M. KENNA, P. M.

—Dr. N. Cheney will be at the Grand Central next week Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

AROUND THE COUNTY.

Interesting News From Various Localities As Related by Our Regular Correspondents.

BRADFORD.

Miss Agnes Koch, of Dunkirk, is the guest of her brother Otto Koch.

Company C. will go to Mt. Gretna on the 21st inst., for their annual encampment.

Miss Lillian Heard, a member of the Bradford high school faculty, has left for a vacation with friends in Canada.

J. W. Baker, junior member of the torpedo firm of Quaterline & Baker, lies dangerously ill at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Henry Siegfried, on Congress street.

Misses Emma and Gertrude Sowers, and Maggie Johnson, of Oil City, who are visiting Miss Jane Dresser were guests of honor at a picnic party of twenty couple at Rock City, Saturday afternoon.

Editor H. F. Barbour, of the *Star*, wife and son Ward, in company with Mrs. W. W. Bell left Monday evening for the State Editorial excursion to Washington D. C., and interesting points in Virginia.

A break in the main water line occurred Monday night which necessitated shutting off the water supply for three hours and demonstrated the advisability of a second reservoir which is now under discussion but does not make much headway.

Mrs. L. Emery and daughter, Miss Grace, and son [illegible] Earl and Louis William Lain, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hart, Misses Stella and Birdie Andrews and Vic Oxley left on Thursday morning for a summer's vacation among the Thousand Isles.

William Crow, an engineer at the Pennsylvania Storage company's mill, suffered a compound fracture of the leg, Sunday morning by falling from the roof of the mill while at work. Dr. Straight attended him and it may be necessary for an amputation of the limb.

Charles Olson, a Swede, who was employed in the woods on the West Branch, met a terrible death last week by a tree falling on him and crushing the life out of his body in an instant. He was forty five years of age and a wife and four children survive him who reside at [illegible], Sweden. The remains were interred in Oak Hill Cemetery.

No subject has been discussed, rehashed and rehashed, boiled over, dried up and instigated more rumors and conjectures by the press and thousands of travelers than "will the Erie railroad ever substitute the rotten, measley apology with a structure that would be in accordance with the amount of shekels that pour into its coffers annually?" And at last the prayer is assuming the appearance of a favorable recognition, for it is known that the plans have been received for a new depot and that a gang of men are at work excavating stone at Mt. Jewett for the foundation. It is needless to say any more.

Quite a sensational talk has been created in this city. The last meeting of the Bradford hospital directors by the staff of physicians [illegible] demanded a change in the management of the institution. Mrs. Theodore [illegible] is now at the helm and according to the communication of the [illegible] she is not meeting the requirements of the [illegible]. A similar demand was made of the old board of directors but they gave it no thought, and whether the recently elected officials will [illegible] is looked forward to with much interest. A decision is expected to be made at their meeting on Friday evening.

A ghastly find came to light in this city last [illegible] evening in the discovery of an infant in a water tank on a lease of the P. P. C. L. company at [illegible] Hollow one mile and a half from Bradford. The body was brought to this city and Coroner [illegible] empanelled the following jury: S. J. Scanlon, foreman, Harry Wagoner, W. H. Otis, John Horton, James M. Tirrell and E. P. B[illegible]. They will meet on Friday night to decide on their verdict. There is no clue as to how the baby was deposited in the tank but there is no doubt but that it is a case of infanticide. The tank was covered and as it was not examined, from the body was in the water several months as it was in a bad state of decomposition. The water was used for [illegible] drinking purposes and since the awful discovery one citizen has been seriously ill, brought about by disgust and worriment.

[illegible] T. B. Vincent died in this city on Sunday, [illegible] at his rooms at Mrs. [illegible] residence, No. 13 [illegible] avenue, aged 57 years. The deceased was known throughout the State and was surrounded with many friends, including the leading men of Pennsylvania. He was Sheriff of Erie county [illegible] and was engaged in the insurance business [illegible] past ten years. Mr. Vincent took up his residence in this city two months ago and Tuesday evening of last week he was engaged in conversation with a party of friends in the lobby of the St. James hotel [illegible] he was taken ill that [illegible] and after a brief illness responded to the last call. Four children survive him who are Mrs. C. J. Booth and Mrs. Charles Stobie of St. Paul Minn., Miss Blanch Vincent and Harry Vincent of Erie, who is a member of the printing house of Ashby & Vincent. The remains were taken to Erie, Pa., Monday morning and laid at rest on Tuesday.

CLERMONT.

Mr. I. [illegible] is erecting a large barn for the Bayer House.

Miss Maggie [illegible] has been spending a few weeks at her parents.

Supervisor Frank Hafner was over to Burning Well last week fixing up the state road.

[illegible] Graham [illegible] went to Mt. Alton last week to see his many friends.

If you want a good dish of ice cream just give Mrs. F. O. Tate a call. I know the cream to be excellent.

You can say anything you please about a candidate for office before election. That is politics. None will prosecute.

Mrs. J. W. Comes has opened an ice cream parlor next door to her store and will have ice cream for sale every Sunday.

P. Heggen, of Mt. Jewett, has been painting and otherwise decorating both the interior and exterior of the Bayer House.

Several candidates for political honors have been in town this week. They are all good men and I hope they will get there.

A nice little girl has arrived in the family of Mr. and Mrs. G. Shaw. Mother and daughter are prospering. I join in congratulations.

Mr. Albert Nelson will have his new building painted. P. Heggen of Mt. Jewett has taken the job. I am glad to note this sign of prosperity.

Lewis Lemon, the East Smethport sprinter is now employed by the McCarty Brothers, in their meat market. Lemon is a favorite with everybody here.

If you want to know something about yourself just run for a political office. It does a man good to know what others think of him just once in his life.

Mr. [illegible] formerly of Colegrove will preach in the Union church next Sunday at the usual hours. He is a power in the pulpit. Don't fail to hear him.

Michael, the nine-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Gaynor, had the misfortune to break his left arm, on the 8th inst. He was attended by Dr. Chadwick, of Smethport, and is doing as well as can be expected.

The party given in Anderson's hall last Friday evening was one of the pleasantest affairs I ever attended. The music was first class, and the managers, James Barron and F. P. McCarty were the right men in the right place. A large number of Smethport ladies and gentlemen attended. The ice cream and other refreshments served up were excellent. Taking it all in all it was a grand success.

KANE.

Only 87 in the shade.

Joe H. Cromwell, of Staten Island, N. Y., is visiting Thos. Ryan.

Kane is on the upward wane. We have on an average five candidates a day.

Dr. G. H. Preston and Attorney N. H. Orr left on Monday for an extended trip to Europe.

The storm on Tuesday the 10th, blew down three or four oil derricks, no other damage in this section.

Carrie Stanley's Dramatic Co. played here three nights last week and found it rather soon after the Fourth of July.

We have at last secured a Burgess and Council that neither court fear or favor and wisely appointed R. E. Looker chief of police of Kane Borough.

Our townsman David Howells is gaining friends in every portion of the county and has only been farming for the Prothonotaryship bout two weeks.

Frank Greco is removing his candy and fruit store into the Lafferty block to make room for the new brick building James D. Magowan is erecting on the Italian Headquarters.

Matt. Acton, of Philadelphia, and Harvey Parker, of Erie, Pa., will wrestle catch-as-catch-can, in Griffith's Opera House for one hundred dollars, on Saturday evening 19th inst.

The testimonial benefit in Griffith's Opera House on Monday evening for Messrs. Hoffman & Langdon was a financial success, the citizens of Kane always appreciate merit.

H. H. Carson, of the Kane House, runs a fine bus to and from all trains that arrive and depart from the Kane depot. The gold plated harness is a little on the tony order, but oriental.

Lem Davis & Son, Furniture Dealers and undertakers, have an industry that eclipses anything in Kane in prices, and volume of business except in the undertaking, as a death is a rare occurrence, so our census Enumerator says.

James Doyle, the lumber king, of Haley's Camp, on the Kinzua, is in Kane looking after the interest of some one for County Commissioner, and says as there are only ten candidates, eight of them will seek refuge in suicide after the 9th inst.

Harry Thomas has, under the instructions of our street committee, made some needed and tasty improvements on Fraley street. A number of the old eye sores in the shape of private crossings have been torn up and the street much improved otherwise.

George Griffith has received his commission as Post master of Kane. This is a stern rebuke to Mr. Griffith's political enemies and a well merited appointment, and at the same time demonstrates the influence of Hon. J. T. Griffith with the powers that be in Kane and at Washington D. C.

Hon. J. T. Griffith has not taken the saddle as yet, as he has no opposition and should not have any as he has been faithful to his friends in every way. The most that can be said against him is that he is an extensive lumberman, and gives employment to hundreds of men, who will support him irrespective of party.

KENDALL CREEK.

Miss Adelaide Boyer has returned from the Michigan sanitarium where she has been for several months recuperating her health.

Mrs. Bradley Barr and daughter, Miss Lulu Bailey left Tuesday for a visit to Rochester.

Mrs. J. R. Field left Saturday for a visit to her parents, who reside near Titusville. She was accompanied by her son Cleon.

Mr. Robert Greer left Friday for Courtland, N. Y., to visit his aged youngest son.

Mr. Hector Morrison left Thursday for a business trip to Ohio.

Miss Jennie McKinney visited her friend, Miss Elizabeth Argue in Derrick City, Friday.

A. R. Watson visited his home near Titusville last week.

Mrs. H. Morrison and daughter Marie visited in Sawyer Thursday.

Miss Eva Arnold, who has been attending college in Buffalo, visited her friend Mrs. J. Q. Field, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Fisher are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Marsh and child of Washington, Pa.

Mrs. T. J. Buchanan and son have returned from Jamestown, N. Y., where they have been visiting friends.

Homer Jones is absent on a visit to his home near Springville.

Dr. T. F. McMahon, who has been spending a few days in town has returned to Pittsburgh.

Mrs. W. Bullard and Miss Lizzie Carey are visiting at Cambridgeboro.

Mrs. G. Stafford and daughter who have been visiting friends at Hamburg returned home Wednesday.

Joseph [illegible] of Washington, Pa., is in town, the guest of [illegible].

Mrs. Wm. Harris and daughter are visiting at Olean, N. Y.

Mrs. Van Norman of Main street visited friends in Derrick City Wednesday.

KASSON.

[illegible] work in the hay field [illegible].

H. K. Dean [illegible] is sojourning here at present.

[illegible]

The [illegible] is still making things interesting for several of our young people.

We are sorry to hear that our aged friend Mrs. Orin Ferry is in very poor health.

Messrs. Geo. Garlick, F. E. McKean and M. Miller accompanied by their wives drove to Wilcox the first of the week, called thither by the extreme illness of the youngest daughter of Thomas McKean of that place.

The air of old McKean may be healthy and invigorating and all that, but don't you think it a trifle—just a little—too warm.

Mrs. Myra [illegible] who has been in poor health for some time is again quite seriously ill.

E. Perry tells us that McKean will have to put on a larger crew than usual or have a winter's job skidding the logs on the first bark job he let this season.

[illegible] Ferry drove to Mt. Jewett Sunday afternoon.

Bell Pattison who has been quite ill for some time is convalescent.

After changing mail routes for some time we have seemingly secured the right mail carrier at last. He is always on time. Keep on Ed, you are doing well.

T. Kinney went to Clermont Sunday to visit his daughter Mrs. Anna Ferry.

Will Kinney and Lillie Hafner drove to Smethport Monday. They report the dust as terrible and could hardly find the town in fact.

ELDRED.

[illegible] of Olean was attending to business in town Monday.

Miss Mattie [illegible] of Kane is the guest of her sister Mrs. A. W. Lalon.

E. G. Coleman of Emporium made a short visit to Eldred friends this week.

Miss Mattie Schole is enjoying a short vacation with Angelica friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Howe of Whitesville, Pa., have been spending a few days with friends in town this week.

Mr. Chas. Wolcott and Mrs. Mary Beas, both of this place were united in marriage last week at Olean.

The Musical Convention that has been conducted in the Baptist church for a week past, under the instructions of Prof. Elliot closed Monday evening. Prof. Elliot and class will give a concert at the same place Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralf of Buffalo are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mackie this week.

A very handsome awning was put up at the bank windows Wednesday.

Carl Altridge of Ellicottville, N. Y., has accepted a position with T. L. Sartwell.

Messrs. M. B. and A. N. Squires and Dr. Noering of Syracuse, enjoyed the last of the trout season in Potter Co. the early part of the week.

A Rich Gold Discovery.

A *News* special from Tincup, Col., gives an account of what is claimed to be the most wonderful discovery of gold ever reported. The find is six miles from Tincup, on Cross Mountain, and is owned by McCormick & Lewis. Between the two lines there is ten feet in thickness, the lower six feet iron manganese, the upper four gold bearing quartz of free gold. The lowest assay from this rock is $440 per ton, and there are specimens which put through a common mortar return $20,000 in gold to the ton. Two men are now taking out $75,000 each per day. If this streak is one yard in depth and extends the full length of the claim (1500 feet) there is $561,000 in gold in it. If the lip goes down 1000 feet it is worth $187,479,000. The average value is placed at $1,000 per ton. The excitement over the discovery is intense, and thousands of miners are rushing to the camp.

DR. SMITH IN BRADFORD.

First Three Months Free of Charge.

Dr. Smith, a New York specialist, has arrived in Bradford Pa., and is at the Henderson House. All who visit the doctor before July 28th, will receive service for the first three months free of charge. The only favor desired is a recommendation from those whom he cures. The doctor does not publish the name of any patient, but simply uses their recommendation as a reference. This eminent New York physician treats every variety of diseases and deformity, but will in no instance accept an incurable case. If your malady is beyond all hope, he will frankly tell you so, also caution you against spending any more money for unnecessary treatment. It costs nothing whatever to interview this eminent gentleman, and therefore the most humble in circumstances can have the satisfaction of knowing whether their malady is curable or incurable. Remember the date, and go early, as his office is crowded from morning till night. Office hours 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. Sunday, 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.

EVERYBODYS' COLUMN.

Items of Interest Gathered from Various Sources by the Man With the Shears.

—Go to M. Rosenfield's for clothes.

—Stanley received $70,000 for his new book.

—For wall paper, go to Reilly's Furniture and Carpet store.

—A cowboy, of Prescott, A. T., died recently from the bite of a skunk.

—Carpets in exchange for wool at the Furniture and Carpet Store.

—A young woman at Madison, Ind., dislocated her jaws by screaming.

—A big line of clothing for men and boys at M. Rosenfield's Main street.

—Cash paid for wool at A. Reilly's furniture and carpet store, Main street.

—An Idaho paper has as its motto, "Grasp for all in sight and rustle for more."

—Dr. N. Cheney will be at the Grand Central next week Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

—Cortland county creamery butter can be found at J. H. Stull's meat market, East Smethport, Pa.

—History and organ music are harder to read as the frequency of the foot notes increases.—*Ex.*

—The handsomest wall paper ever brought to Smethport can be seen at Specht & Sasse's Furniture rooms.

—Dr. N. Cheney will be at the Grand Central next week Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

—The doubling up of the population now by watermelons will do no good, as the census is finished.—*Ex.*

—The program of exercises for the Summer School at Clarion is so arranged as not to "fire over the heads" of the average teacher.

—Families, jobbers and everybody can be supplied with fresh and salt meats promptly upon application at Stull's, East Smethport, Pa.

—Twenty one horses tied to a wire fence at a funeral in Missouri the other day were knocked down by lightning.

Mr. J. P. Hoffman secured two fine negatives of the Odd Fellows hall and assembly of Brethren with their wives, children, mothers, fathers, sisters, cousins, aunts and friends. Every face is plainly distinguishable and a copy will always be a pleasant reminder of a happy occasion. In pasteboard roller by mail 50 cents, packed flat and highly finished 65 cents.

You Take No Risk

In buying Hood's Sarsaparilla, for it is everywhere recognized as the standard building up medicine and blood purifier. It has won its way to the front by its own intrinsic merits, and has the largest sale of any preparation of its kind. Any honest druggist will confirm this statement. If you decide to take Hood's Sarsaparilla do not be induced to buy anything else instead. Be sure to get Hood's.

Speer's Wine For Parties.

Physicians employ Speer's Port Grape Wine in their practice in all cases where a pure wine is called for, and do all in their power to foster and encourage its production. Also the same with Speer's Unfermented Grape Juice, both are coming into great favor among the most wealthy in New York City, Philadelphia and Washington as an evening wine.

From the Nation's Capital

Mr. A. N. Hazen, Washington, D. C., says the famous Red Flag Oil is a perfect family medicine and has no equal for rheumatism, neuralgia, sprains, cuts, burns and all bodily pain. Price 25 cents.

Consumption, are you troubled with this terrible disease, if so take healthy exercise, live in open air, use Pan Tina Cough and Consumption Cure and be cured, don't delay. Price 25 cents. Trial bottles free at Frank R. Foster's drug store.

Marvelous Endurance

The vast amount of labor performed by the heart in keeping all portions of the body supplied with blood is not generally known. It beats 100,000 times, and forces the blood at the rate of 168 miles a day, which is 3,000,000,000 times and 5,150,880 miles in a life time. No wonder there are so many Heart Failures. The first symptoms are shortness of breath when exercising, pain in side or at much fluttering, choking in throat, oppression, then follow weak, hungry or smothering spells, swollen ankles, etc. Dr. Franklin Miles' New Heart Cure is the only reliable remedy. Sold by A. B. Armstrong.

Fifty Spasms a Day.

Paul Mrs. H. A. Gardner of Vistula, Ind., lived two thousand years ago she would have been thought to be possessed by evil spirits. She was subject to nervous prostration, headaches, dizziness, backache, palpitation and forty to fifty spasms a day. Though having been treated by eight physicians for years without success, she was permanently cured by one bottle of Dr. Miles' Restorative nervine. A trial bottle of this new and wonderful medicine and a finely illustrated treatise free at A. B. Armstrong's Drug Store, who recommends and guarantees it.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria,
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria,
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria,
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
OF
Smethport School District.

For the Year Ending June, 1890.

J. W. BOUTON, Treasurer, and others, in account with Smethport Borough School Funds.

Dr.

To bal. due from ex-Treas King, last audit		$ 1 21
To bal. due from ex-Treas Gifford, last audit		0 07
To bal. due from ex-Coll Quinlan, last audit	$ 77 33	
Minus cash paid by him to Treas. Bouton	77 33	[illegible]
To bal. due from ex-Coll Smith, last audit	17 27	
Minus cash paid by him to Treas. Bouton	17 27	17 27
To dup., school year 1890, issued to Col. Holder		
School, 17 mills	3010 23	
Bond, 3 and 4 mills	570 40	
5 per cent added to $354 31 of above	17 71	
	3598 34	
Minus exonerations	$55 61	
" taxes transferred to Keating tp	29 47	
Minus 5 per cent. dis. to taxpayers on $[illegible]	134 80	
Minus com. 2 per cent. on $2371 25 of dup.	47 42	
Minus 5 per cent. com. on $674.34 of dup.	33 71	
Minus 5 per cent. com. on $537 85 of dup. 5 per cent. added	26 53	
Minus cash paid Treas. Bouton, bond fund	781 86	781 86
Minus cash paid Treas. Bouton, school fund	2719 11	2719 11
	3419 07	
To bal. due from Col. Holder	109 27	
To unseated taxes from Co. Treas., bond		36 89
To unseated taxes from Co. Treas., school		147 50
To State Appropriation		293 50
" cash from D. C. Young for grass		3 50
To cash for sale of stove		5 00
do for tuition		78 00
		4272 64
To bal. brot down		603 16

Cr.

By paid interest on coupons		125 00
By Treas. com. 2 per cent on $125 00		2 50
By paid vouchers account school fund		3413 91
By Treas. com. 2 per cent. on same		67 27
By bal. due from Treas. Bouton	$ [illegible]	
By bal. due from ex-Treas King	22	
By bal. due from ex-Treas. Gifford	07	
By bal. due from Col. Holder	109 27	603 16
		$ 4272 64

RESOURCES.

The above balances.	$ 603 16

LIABILITIES.

Bonds 8, 72, 73, 74 and 75 @ $100	$ 500 00
" 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 @ $500	2500 00
Outstanding orders	281 02

And now, June 17, 1890, having examined the accounts and vouchers pertaining to the school funds in the hands of J. W. Bouton, Treasurer and others above named, we find and report balances as above set forth.

W. D. GALLUP, }
JOHN FORREST, } Auditors.

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Prices range from 30 cents to $1 a pound.
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Maple Syrup
Pure Sugar Drips
Fancy N. O. Molasses
Good N. O. Molasses

SPICES.
Pepper
Allspice
Cloves
Cinnamon
Cayenne Pepper
Ginger
Mustard
Sage
Nutmegs
Mixed Spices
Either whole, ground in bulk or ¼lb. Dredge tins, guaranteed strictly pure and full weight

SUGARS.
Cut Loaf
Pulverized
Granulated
A Coffee
C Coffee
Colored Confectionery

DRIED FRUITS
California Evaporated Peaches
California Evaporated Apricots
Tennessee Peaches
French Prunes
Evaporated Apples
Finest Layer Raisins
Loose Muscatel Raisins
Sultana or Seedless Raisins
English Currants
Dried Blackberries
Dried Raspberries
Brazil Nuts
Walnuts
Pecans
Almonds
Filberts
Confectionery
Dates
Figs
Citron

CANNED VEGETABLES
Corn—Our Revere corn is the best valued of any corn in the market.
Tomatoes
String Beans
Lima Beans
Succotash
Peas, Domestic
Peas, French—Very fine
Pumpkins

CANNED FRUITS
California Apricots
California Cherries
California Peaches
Jersey Peaches
Egg Plums
Pine Apple
Strawberries
Blackberries
Raspberries
Grapes

FISH AND MEATS
Cove Oysters
Pickled Oysters—In glass
Salmon—Columbia River
Salmon Steak—The choicest parts of the fish only
Boneless Herring
Canned Lobsters
Canned Mackerel
Potted Ham
Potted Tongue
Potted Beef
Potted Game
Potted Turkey
Potted Chicken
Boneless Turkey
Boneless Chicken
Boneless Game
Game Pates—Quail, Partridge, Grouse and Woodcock
Canned Corn Beef
Canned Dried Beef
Mackerel, Salt
Whitefish
Trout
Siscoes
Codfish
Pork
Hams
Shoulders
Bacon
Pigs Feet
Corn Beef

SUNDRIES.
Fruit Jellies
Fruit Jams
Fruit Preserves
Calves Foot Jelly
Desiccated Cocoanut
Cocoa Shells
Breakfast Cocoa
Chocolate
Plum Puddings
Fruit Puddings
Hominy
Wheatlet
Cracked Wheat
Shredded Oats
Rolled Oats
Tapioca
Vermacilli
Amonia
Shoe Polish
Stove Polish
Lustro—for cleaning silver and furniture.
Flavoring Extracts—16 oz. bottles of the very best quality.
Mixed Pickels } in glass—Cross & Blackwells
Chow Chow
Onions
Cauliflower
Pickles by the dozen
Snyder's Catsup
Aunt Sarah's Catsup
Peppersauce
Celery Salt
Worcestershire Sauce
Durkee's Salad Dressing
Godillet's Olive Oil
Olives
Pickled Walnuts
Brandy Peaches
Brandy Cherries
French Mustard
Mellen's Baby Food.
Sage Honey
Starch, Corn
Starch, Laundry, Loose, 1 lb. and 6 lb. packages
Starch, Elastic
Soaps—Acme, Railroad, Miner's, Y. Y., C. C., Oak Leaf, Mystic White, Ivory, Dingman's and Toilet
Sapolio
Pearline
Bird Seed
Bird Gravel
Yeast Cakes
Hops
Baking Powder
Saleratus
Soda
Matches
Bluing
Flour—H. M. C. A Fancy Spring Wheat Patent
Roller Champion. A Michigan Wheat Patent
Our Snowflake. Pure White Michigan Wheat
Harvest Queen. An Excellent Spring Family Flour
Graham Flour
Bolted Meal
Feed
Meal
Corn
Oats
Potatoes
Onions
Cabbage
Beans
Peas
Rice
Cheese, Full Cream
Butter, Prime Dairy and Cortland Creamery
Lard
Crackers by pound or barrel
Ginger Snaps
Cookies
Orange Blossom Biscuit—Something very choice
Salt by pound, sack or barrel
Vinegar
Tobacco—All the latest brands
Cigars—Thurber's Elberton, A. A. 1 and other choice brands
Stone Ware—Jugs, jars and churns
Preserve Jars
Flower Pots
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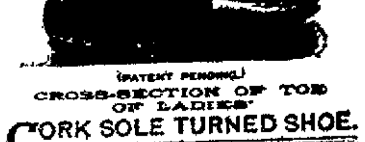
SMETHPORT, PA.



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The cork inner sole forms a perfect cushion for the foot, and being a non-conductor protects the foot from heat and cold.

At the same time I show you a complete line of

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In fact every Department is replete with choice goods.

Respectfully yours,
D. C. YOUNG.

Tuesday evening, last, we received a new lot of hats, bonnets &c., direct from New York, the very latest styles in the market. The Season is not very far advanced and yet we have determined to go down to, even below Cost on the entire stock in order to close them out as soon as possible. Here is a golden opportunity for those desiring a nice stylish hat or bonnet for a small sum.

We have also concluded, owing to a lack of room in our store, to dispose of our Stock of Shoes, either in whole, or by the single pair, at some price—at prices to suit the purchaser. The stock consists of the latest style of Shoes, Slippers and Rubbers for Women, Misses and Children. Also a very nice line of Slippers for Gentlemen's wear. These goods are not "Off Color," old and stale, but are new and of recent purchase. We invite those wishing to buy anything in the line to call and examine. We will convince them that we are offering bargains.

MRS. T. D. NASH.
Smethport, July 16th 1890.—tf

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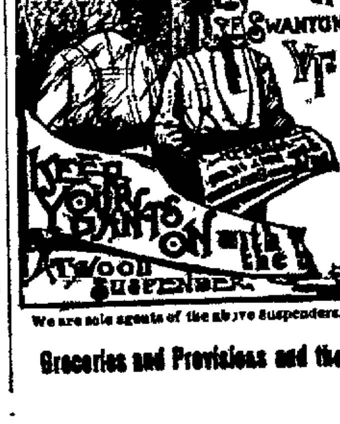
SMETHPORT, PA.,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Keep your pants on with the Atwood Suspender

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[illegible] hand from [illegible] latest and most approved [illegible]

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[illegible]

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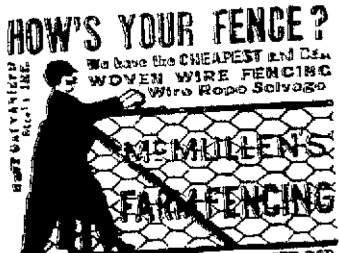

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SUBJECTS OF INTEREST TO PROGRESSIVE FARMERS.

Important Facts About Poultry and Eggs in Artificial Incubators—Profits in Ducks—A Word About Feed, for Egg Producers and Breeds for the Table.

Every farmer has his flock of poultry and many of the dwellers in villages and towns now supply their own tables with poultry and eggs from fowls kept in restricted runs, and yet we are dependent on foreign countries for millions of dozens of the eggs consumed. Poultry is one of the products we do not send abroad but [illegible] a remunerative market at home. [illegible]

[illegible]

Such [illegible] the white [illegible] brown [illegible] and birds of [illegible] them either [illegible] as breeders [illegible] pullets [illegible] Those who desire to raise poultry [illegible] Brahma [illegible] Plymouth rocks [illegible]

There is always [illegible] ducks not only in the large cities but in every town. Now that the old idea that ducks require a brook or pond has been proved erroneous [illegible]

It has been proved [illegible]

[illegible]

Fatten [illegible]

[illegible] during [illegible] skimmed milk [illegible] fattening [illegible] in the fall [illegible] commence [illegible] meal [illegible] by the last of November [illegible] may be made to [illegible]

Italian Bees.

A correspondent of American Bee Journal [illegible] the questions 1 What constitutes a pure Italian bee or how can one be distinguished by its markings. 2 How can a hybrid be distinguished. A pure Italian worker bee [illegible] the progeny of a queen whose whole worker progeny will show three distinct yellow bands [illegible] A hybrid may are filled with [illegible] or may not have three distinct bands and we can only decide on purity by examining all the bees of a colony. If a queen produces a colony a part of which shows two bands, a part one band and a part three bands, such bees are all by [illegible] although some may show three bands.

Consumption Surely Cured.

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HEDGE FENCES AND BIRDS

Best Shrubs for Hedges—Objections Made by Some Farmers.

Farm fences, heretofore in all sections considered indispensable, have constituted a very considerable item of expense in the experience of every farmer. As the country has become thickly settled and timber scarcer and dearer so the advantage that might be gained by stock running at large has grown less as the common pasturage area has yearly decreased until now most of the older states have stock laws regulating or prohibiting the running at large of animals. Thus the character of the fences of the country is now in a few instances radically changed and the new fences are more for making permanent divisions [illegible] animals than for keeping out animals belonging to others.

Live fences [illegible] have had their day [illegible] desirable [illegible] where they [illegible] generally superseded [illegible] hedge fences [illegible] well pruned hedge will [illegible] a pretty and appropriate fence and [illegible] one of the most effective.

The best shrubs for the purpose will depend on the latitude of the locality. For the western and southwestern states the Osage orange is unquestionably the best hedge plant for general farm purposes. For the north and east where the orange would be too tender the buckthorn would take its place. The honey locust also makes an [illegible] hedge. For an ornamental hedge there is nothing at the north that is so well accomplishes the dual purposes of [illegible] the public and beautifying the grounds as the Norway spruce and arbor vitæ.

An objection has occasionally been made by inconsiderate farmers against hedge fences upon the ground that they furnish a harbor for birds that are destructive to their crops. Observation will show however that the birds that are at all injurious [illegible] the [illegible] hedges [illegible] compared with the damages done by insects [illegible] orchards were the breeding and roosting places [illegible] in the [illegible] but it will be many [illegible] that farming does not pay.

Variety of Feed.

Variety of feed is important to the [illegible]

[illegible]

Will Creameries Be Overdone?

The question [illegible] the creamery business [illegible] that is being agitated [illegible] The Mercantile [illegible] as the product is [illegible]

[illegible] poor machinery, poor buildings, poor butter, poor consumption, poor prices, resulting, when fully [illegible]

[illegible]

Poultry Notes.

[illegible]

Geese are easily and cheaply raised.

It is generally conceded that nests made on the ground are the best.

Bantams are small eaters and fair layers.

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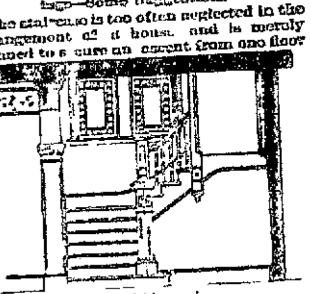
STAIRCASE AND HALL.

Gossip About Arrangement and Furnishings—Some Suggestions.

The staircase is too often neglected in the arrangement of a house, and is merely planned to secure an ascent from one floor



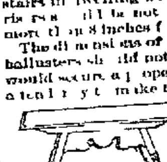
THE [illegible]

to another [illegible] with [illegible] secure beauty [illegible] might easily be made [illegible] most decorative features [illegible] dwelling.

In order to secure the best of every result it should be [illegible] the plan [illegible] is first studied [illegible] search [illegible] must [illegible] be overlooked. In an ideal arrangement there should [illegible] about [illegible] light [illegible] a proper [illegible] the riser and treads [illegible] simple rule to keep in mind being that [illegible] height [illegible] riser [illegible] of each step should not exceed 1 foot and 6 inches; as, for example, if the height of the riser be 7 inches the width of the tread should be 11 inches and so on. For main stairs in dwelling houses the height of the risers should be not less than 6 inches nor more than 8 inches for ease and comfort.

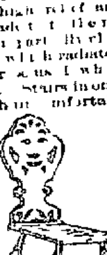
OAK SEAT FOR HALL.

The dimensions of the newels, rails and balusters should not be overlooked if we would secure a proper ensemble. There is [illegible] large which, [illegible] in a small cottage produces a massive effect not at all in keeping with the surroundings. From six to seven inches in diameter is quite sufficient [illegible] ordinary houses. In small cottages they can judiciously be made less [illegible] newels should never be [illegible] in high relief and the [illegible] the natural hand rail [illegible]



HALL TABLE.

[illegible] straight flights are both uncomfortable and ugly [illegible]



HALL CHAIR.

[illegible] effect [illegible] comes within [illegible] increase [illegible] The furniture of the hall should be in keeping with the design of the structure, substantial and simple in design. Examples of suitable hall furniture [illegible]

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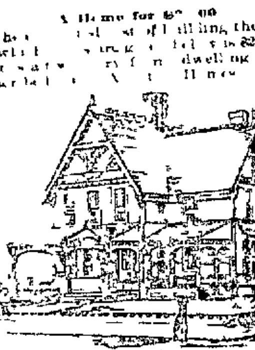
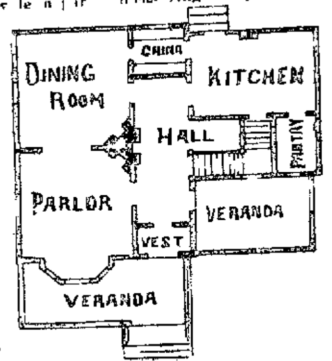
A Home for $2,200.

The [illegible] cost of building the house of which [illegible] is $2,200. It is [illegible] dwelling and is [illegible]

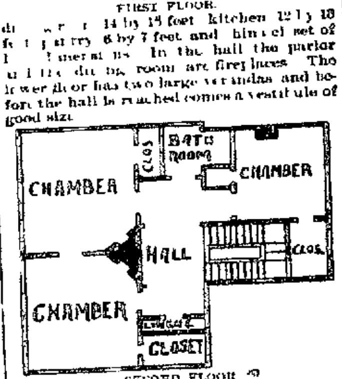


[illegible] 4 feet 6 inch cellar [illegible] feet high and contains [illegible] is 30 feet long by 7 feet [illegible] 14 by 17 feet, a [illegible]



FIRST FLOOR.

[illegible] 14 by 18 feet, kitchen 12 by 13 feet, pantry 6 by 7 feet and [illegible] set of [illegible] In the hall the parlor [illegible] and dining room are fireplaces. The lower floor has two large verandas and before the hall is reached comes a vestibule of good size.



SECOND FLOOR.

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[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8 50	Kinzua Ju	8 30	2 45	6 14
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Bew City	8 45	2 56	6 25
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Rixford	8 55	3 17	6 35
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Duke Centre	9 12	3 27	6 30
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Eldred	9 35	3 56	6 40
				B. E. & C. R. R.			
[illegible]	[illegible]			Ceres	10 32	5 07	
[illegible]	[illegible]			Little Genesee	[illegible]	[illegible]	
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COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad

Time Table takes effect Monday, June [illegible] 1887

Arr. EASTWARD			STATIONS.	LV. WESTWARD		
A. M.	P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	P. M.	
11 07	8 24	1 17	Coudersport	8 00	1 12	5 30
11 02	8 20	1 12	Hammonds	8 07	1 16	5 51
10 56	8 26	1 08	Fish Basket	8 07	1 26	5 46
10 51	8 22	1 04	Olmsted	8 12	1 26	5 12
10 46	8 17	1 00	Nelsons	8 17	1 36	5 17
10 35	8 09	12 52	Knowlton	8 26	1 40	5 26
10 31	8 02	12 45	Roulette	8 31	1 48	5 36
10 22	7 50	12 40	Pomeroy Bridge	8 38	1 55	5 40
10 16	7 51	12 31	Burtville	8 45	2 02	5 49
10 07	7 45	12 23	Coleman	8 54	2 10	5 57
10 00	7 40	12 17	Port Allegany	9 00	2 15	6 15

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PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME TABLE. In effect May 17, 1890

TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION

EASTWARD

8:55 a. m.—Day Express daily except Sunday, for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, Lancaster, Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington, arriving at Philadelphia 6.50 p. m., New York 9.35 p. m., Baltimore 6.45 p. m., Washington, 8.15 p. m. Pullman Parlor car through from Williamsport to Philadelphia.

8:55 p. m.—Erie Mail daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, Lancaster, Phila., New York, Baltimore and Washington, arriving at Philadelphia 6:50 a. m., New York 9.30 a. m., Baltimore 6.45 a. m., Washington 7:30 a. m. Through Pullman sleeping cars are run on this train from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Harrisburg and through passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia and from Williamsport to Baltimore.

WESTWARD

10:23 a. m.—Erie Mail daily for Erie and intermediate stations with through Pullman Palace car and through passenger coaches to Erie.

7.33 p. m.—Niagara Express daily except Sunday for Kane and intermediate stations with through passenger coaches to Kane.

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